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3,000 jobs hope with £26m new roads plan

A MULTI-MILLION pound road network will help to create 3,000 new jobs, a council chief has said.

Work on a new Bentley Road South bridge has started as part of the £26 million scheme in Darlaston and Pleck.

Regeneration chief, Councillor Adrian Andrew, said the project will transform the area. He said: "It's one of our main drives to help business and create new jobs. We have parcels of land that poor roads are stopping from being redeveloped.

"Better roads around the Black Country Enterprise Zone, which includes Darlaston, will mean we can unlock 40 hectares of land, create more than 3,000 jobs in the next few years."

As part of the Walsall Council-funded work, two 68-tonne beams have been lifted into place with 11 weighing between 28 and 38 tonnes also lifted during the six-hour operation.

More than 4,000 cubic tonnes of rubble are being removed as part of the bridge-building operation.

Four major junctions and two bridges are set to be upgraded in Darlaston and Pleck under the scheme. There will be work in Bentley Road South, including the junction with Heath Road, and Bentley Mill Way, including the junction with Darlaston Road. Work is due to be completed in 2015.

College's joy at gold award

WALSALL College has been praised for its 'clear drive' to improve the employability skills of students after being re-accredited with a gold careers award.

The college was presented with the Prospects CEIAG Gold Award – one of only six specialist careers awards – for meeting the national standard in careers education, information, advice and guidance.

An accreditation board confirmed the re-accreditation at a recent meeting and said it recognised 'consistent and embedded' outstanding provision.

DALGLISH BACKS TOWN'S RETURN



Kenny Dalglish

AS MOMENTUM continues to gather for Darlaston Town FC to remain in the league, one footballing legend has shown a keen interest in the club's fortunes – Kenny Dalglish.

The Liverpool ex-boss and star player – who led the Reds through one of the most successful periods in the club's history, winning league titles, FA Cups and European Cups – is backing a drive to keep Darlaston alive.

The club was forced to pull out of the Midlands League last season after 140 years when it folded due to financial issues.

But now a £5,000 fundraising target has now been reached, bringing it back from the brink. Campaigners are now trying to raise thousands to keep the club going for future years and help it secure a permanent base.

And Dalglish is expected to donate a signed shirt to be auctioned at an event featuring Wolves legends Don Goodman and Steve Daley on April 4 to support the campaign.

He was contacted by Walsall South MP Valerie Vaz, who said he has since shown an interest in the club's history and fight for survival. Mrs Vaz has also written to FA chairman Greg Dyke asking him to support the campaign.

She wants to hold a meeting with him to see what support is available for the club.

Interest

But she says that getting the support of a legend like Dalglish could bring the campaign to a wider audience. She said: "He has been very good and has shown an interest in the club – after we mentioned it to him he had been online looking up the club's history."

She is also trying to organise a 'parliamentary football match' involving MPs and Westminster officials, and hopes shadow health secretary Andy Burnham will be one of the first to sign up.

The football club, founded in 1874, is believed to be the second oldest non-league team in the country. It was a founder member of the Midlands league in 1962 but resigned at the end of last season.

A committee was set up in September to generate £5,000 to cover costs rent, registration fees and kits in a bid to save the club. Bosses are looking to raise another £5,000.

But its City Ground base needs new fences and walls, so talks are being held with Walsall Council to decide whether the club will stay there or move to a new location.

League officials will assess whether grounds are suitable between April and June.

Having fun? Yes they can-can



Tracey Holt, Georgie Palmer and Angie Hart with instructor Maggie Palmer at the front

FRILLY skirts and high kicks at the ready girls – the can-can is coming.

Classes for the flirty, fast and physical dance are to be held across the Black Country and Staffordshire.

Run by Willenhall dance teacher Maggie Palmer, the two-hour workshops will bring the thrill of 1920s Paris to the 21st century. The 48-year-old Triple M Dance Academy principal said: "The French can-can is iconic

but it's physically demanding so is a great way to have fun, get fit and tone up."

The dance teacher, who has 32 years experience, has devised the special course to be held in Wolverhampton, West Bromwich and Cannock.

To book a place at a workshop or for more details contact Miss Palmer on 07881 538780 or go to www.triplemandanceacademy.co.uk

Expanding firms get their slice of funding

MORE than 120 jobs are poised to be created after businesses secured a slice of £1 million to aid expansion plans. Eight firms in Walsall have been granted the cash from the Government which will help safeguard and create positions.

Companies including TeePee Electrical and Inex Holdings, both from Willenhall, and Task Consumer Products and Credential Environmental Ltd in Darlaston have benefited.

It is part of funding from the Green Bridge Supply chain programme which offers support of between £20,000 to £1m. It supports businesses that operate in areas such as renewable energy, low carbon, building technologies, manufacturing, transport and logistics.

It is anticipated the grants will help attract almost £5.5m of private investment and create more than 120 jobs, while safeguarding a further 33 positions.

TeePee Electrical, in Willenhall Lane, manufactures wiring harnesses, looms and panel assemblies and is looking to expand and move to new premises.

Manufacturing firm Alanto, of Regal Drive, Walsall, convert cellular rubber, foam and plastic for the construction, automotive industries, including train and solar PV panels. The business will use its allocation to install mezzanine floors and to buy two machines to accommodate its growth.

Chief backs cash boost

EXTRA money to help Walsall Manor cope with rising demand from patients in Staffordshire has been welcomed by the trust chief executive. The hospital is in line to receive a slice of £130 million of funding after the downgrading of Stafford Hospital was approved.

Richard Kirby, chief executive at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "The potential £14m investment will see improvements in maternity, additional ward space and we will be looking to enhance our A&E and critical care facilities."

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Extra journeys with buses shake-up

A SHAKE-UP of bus services has resulted in extra journeys and routes revised across the Black Country. A series of timetable changes have now come in across Willenhall, Wolverhampton and part of Sandwell.

It comes after a review by Centro and operators was carried out with the aim of increasing reliability and providing better connections for bus passengers. There is a new-look 41

service between Willenhall and Walsall on evenings and Sundays which will now stop on the Allens Rough and Beacon estates.

A faster 25 bus between the i54 and Wolverhampton, which goes along Stafford Road and takes 18 minutes rather than 38 minutes, is also part of the shake-up. The 65 between Fordhouses, New Cross and Wolverhampton will provide an improved link to the hospital while

there will be a new 50 service from Wood End to Cannock Road temple.

A trial of a better service through Portobello which provided links to Walsall, Wolverhampton and Willenhall, as part of the number 40 bus, is also being introduced.

Willenhall councillor Ian Shires welcomed the improvements which will make it easier for commuters and encourage them to use the bus rather than cars. A park and ride ini-

tiative has been set up at The Square shopping precinct in Willenhall, in a bid to get more car users making use of public transport.

The alterations will also see the 69 and 89 co-ordinated to provide buses up to every 15 minutes between Wolverhampton, Wednesfield and New Invention.

Full information for bus passengers has been made available on the **www.nxbus.co.uk** website.

Blow for students as school scraps courses

A SCHOOL has scrapped some GCSE courses after a year of study - leaving some pupils working for just five exams.

Grace Academy in Darlaston confirmed it had dropped several subjects, but insisted it was to give pupils a better chance at gaining qualifications.

Star Matt's missing his pudding fix



Walsall's Matthew Marsden

EX-CORRIE actor Matthew Marsden, who grew up in Walsall, has told how he misses rice pudding and decent Indian food, now he is based in Hollywood.

The 40-year-old rose to fame on Coronation Street and Emmerdale before emigrating to America and is working on a new sci-fi movie called Bounty Killer.

He said: "I went out the other day and I got some Ambrosia Cream Rice and gave it to my kids and said, 'This is what Daddy ate back home'. And a decent Indian meal, you don't really get good Indian food here."

The actor was brought up on the Yew Tree Estate. Of the new film he said: "We did a loose read-through with me doing an American accent, then I reverted back to the British accent and the director said, 'Druver is no longer American, he's Brit-ish. We want that. We love it.'"

But pupils have hit out at the surprise move, saying it could affect their chances at getting into college and further education.

The subjects which have been dropped are believed to include resistant materials, computing, engineering and a business qualification.

One student, who didn't want to be named, claimed the move had affected dozens of students.

They said: "I have already done a year's worth of work in each of these subjects and now I am not going to get to finish them. I am worried that if I do not get all five GCSEs at A* to C then I won't get in to college. There are some students who will leave school with eight GCSEs, an employer will definitely pick them over me."

The move comes just months after the school unveiled a £26 million rebuild which saw new music and recording studios installed alongside specialist drama studios and a full-size competition basketball sports hall.

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird said the authority had no control over the Grace Academy but added he thought a lack of interest in courses may have been behind the changes.

He added: "The schools assess the needs of teaching by the take-up for courses planned in the curriculum. I should imagine the take-up might have been minimal with the resources available to teach those subjects."

Judi Wood, director of corporate development at the academy, confirmed the school had made some changes to its timetable.

Town is battered by storms



A dramatic lightning strike over Blakenall, Walsall, caught by reader David Mottram

FREAK weather battered Walsall as bolts of lightning were sent streaming across dark and gloomy skies and giant hailstones came down causing chaos at the weekend.

This amazing picture, above, was captured by Walsall resident David Mottram, from his garden in Blakenall.

The storm left chaos and destruction in its wake and the extreme weather looks likely to continue - with snow on the way.

The worst of the weather saw three homes and a church set on fire after being struck by lightning. In Stourbridge two homes were directly hit, leading to a fire in the roof. People living in Oakfield Road in Wollescote said the ground was shaking and cars vibrated after the lightning strike on Saturday afternoon.

Mother-of-two Natasha Attwood, aged 23, lives next door to a house damaged by fire. She was at a family member's nearby - but heard the bang and returned to find the destruction.

She said: "I feel really sorry for those people impacted, it was horrible. I've heard loads of other people were left without electricity and phones because of this."

Other homes were also struck across the region, as was St Michael and the Holy



Walsall hailstones held by Robin Hartley

Angels church in High Street, West Bromwich. A Christmas decoration conducted electricity from the lightning, causing a fire.

Residents and businesses were also left without power as a result of the weather problems.

The storm also caused Wolves players to flee the field before their match against Bristol City at Molineux. Meanwhile, forecasters have warned people to brace themselves for cold weather with wintry showers, predicted for today, Thursday.

Appeal by police over woman, 32



Missing - Lucy Jane Green

AN APPEAL has been launched by police to find a 'vulnerable' woman who has been missing from her home for almost three weeks.

Lucy Jane Green, from Burntwood, was last seen on January 10 at 9.50am.

The 32-year-old of Park Road is white, 5ft 4in tall with short, dark brown hair and she sometimes wears brown-framed glasses.

She was wearing a navy waxed-type jacket when she left home.

Staffordshire Police spokeswoman Hazel Dockery said: "We consider Lucy to be vulnerable and we are concerned for her welfare."

"Extensive searches are under way to locate her and we would ask that anyone who has seen her, or had any contact, to get in touch."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Staffordshire Police on 101.

Wards back as outbreak ban is lifted

THE majority of wards have reopened to visitors at Walsall Manor Hospital just over a week after they were shut due to the winter vomiting bug norovirus.

The site was closed to visitors for eight days in a bid to contain the spread of the highly contagious illness, but the ban was lifted on Monday afternoon.

Warning posters put up around the hospital have been taken down but hand-washing stations still remain at all entrances.

Three out of the 25 wards are still affected by norovirus, with four confirmed cases remaining. As a result, restrictions are in still in place on wards three, 14 and the Swift Discharge Unit.

Visitors are being asked to call ahead as restrictions are being reviewed daily.

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£40m plea for M-way green light on junction

THE GOVERNMENT is to be lobbied for cash to enable the £40 million revamp of a busy motorway junction at Walsall to go-ahead.

Plans have been drawn up for junction 10 which would include new bridges over the M6, which will see the road double in width to four lanes.

There will also be improvements at Bloxwich Lane and modifications to the Black Country Route.

Walsall Council has allocated \$650,000 towards developing a business case with the Highways Agency set to provide £10m towards the ambitious project. Now alongside the Local Enterprise Partnership the council will ask the Government for cash to be allocated insisting it is a "national priority."

Around 160,000 motorists a day use the busy stretch and the aim is to secure funding separate from the overall West Midlands allocation. Regeneration chief, councillor Adrian Andrew, said: "What we are trying to do is lobby the government to make this a national priority."

Appeal over sex assault on car park

A WOMAN was sexually assaulted as she walked along a street in the early hours. The attack happened as the victim, in her 40s, walked from Maple Road towards the Tiger pub on the corner of Bell Lane, Walsall.

Detectives are investigating the assault in Yew Tree which happened at just after 1am on January 11.

A man approached her as she reached the car park of the pub and pushed her to the ground. She managed to get up and started to run but the man caught up with her and then sexually assaulted her before getting away.

He is black, around 5ft 6ins tall, with short hair and wearing a peaked hat. Anyone with information can call 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Boxing night

BOXERS will be packing a punch during a night of sport on March 1 at Walsall Town Hall. Tickets are £30 or £60 for a ringside seat and are available from Walsall Town Hall box office on 0845 111 2900.

Miracle for Margot as 30,000 help cause



Margot and mum Vicki

MORE than 30,000 people have come forward to help save the life of a little girl battling a rare form of leukaemia. Margot Martini, has inspired thousands of people to take a swab test to find her perfect stem cell donor.

Celebrities including Steve Bull, Martin Clunes and Gary Barlow are backing the campaign and a mass swabbing event will take place in Wolverhampton next month.

Margot's mother Vicki, who hails from Essington, urged Black Country people to get behind them, saying: "This means everything to us."

Margot's family has launched an online appeal to raise awareness of their little girl's plight. An online video has been seen by more than 60,000 people, while a Facebook group has almost 10,000 followers. More than 30,000 people have now come forward to be tested.

Vicki, 38, launched an emotional plea for people to register as donors in the hope of finding a match for 17-month-old Margot. "This has torn our world apart," she said, adding: "I went to see doctors with Margot at 2pm because I knew something was-

n't right and by 2am she was in an induced coma and being treated for leukaemia."

Margot was 14 months old when she was diagnosed with a rare form of blood cancer. Doctors at Great Ormond Street Hospital have seen it three times in the past decade.

Medics say her best hope is a bone marrow transplant and the hunt is now on to find a perfect stem cell match. A Swab for Margot day is being held at the Mount Hotel in Tettenhall Wood on February 23.

Mrs Martini, who lives in London

with her husband Yaser, 43, and sons Oscar, six, and Rufus, five, said: "Margot is beautiful. She is always smiling and gregarious." But the former Cheslyn Hay High School pupil added: "This isn't just for Margot. People never know when they might find themselves needing a donor."

The swab day has been organised by Margot's aunt Charlotte Hathaway, of Tettenhall, who said: "We are searching all over the world to find the perfect match." See www.deletebloodcancer.org.uk and www.expressandstar.com

Police probe goes on after collision death of pensioner

A POLICE investigation was continuing this week into the death of a pensioner who was hit by a car as he went to get his morning paper last week.

The 86-year-old died after the smash on Walsall Wood High Street. Police said the driver of the silver Ford Mondeo, which crashed into a wall after hitting the pensioner and came to rest outside the Boatman's Rest pub, was being voluntarily interviewed by officers, and at the time of going to press, no further action had been taken.

Police and paramedics were called to the scene early last Friday and the road was shut for several hours between Salter's Road and Coppice Road for investigations.

The victim was believed to have lived close to where the crash took place and neighbours said they were in 'complete shock'.

The trip to the shops had been the pensioner's daily routine for the last 11 years. He was rushed to hospital following the incident, with life-threatening injuries where he later died.

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Police and paramedics were called to the accident at around 5.50am and the road was shut for several hours between Salter's Road and Coppice Road for investigations to be carried out.

The car smashed into a wall after hitting the pensioner and stopped outside the pub.

Rash Patel, aged 59, who runs Costcutter in the High Street, said he served the elderly man his morning paper minutes before he was hit by the car, as he has done for the last 11 years.

"He lives across the road and he would come over every day," said Mr Patel.

"He's been coming here for around 11 years. He is a very strong-willed man and very pleasant."

by Rob Gollidge

Mr Patel said that the man, who is believed to live close to where the crash took place, would cross the road to collect his morning paper every day.

The shopkeeper, who described hearing 'a bang and a screeching noise' while in his shop, called the police and ambulance crews after the smash.

The man's neighbour Jenny Lawley said: "He's a nice guy and is well-known in the area."

"He used to be well-known for using a mobility scooter, but has recently had an operation and is walking regularly. Everybody in the area is in complete shock."

Another nearby resident, Mrs Janis Rogers, said the whole neighbourhood had been 'shocked and saddened' by the accident.

"He is a pleasant man. I speak to him whenever we cross paths," said 59-year-old Mrs Rogers, who has lived in the area for 21 years.

"Nobody can believe what has happened. It has caused a lot of shock and upset."

A spokesman from West Midlands Police said: "Officers were called at 5.48am following reports that a car had collided with an elderly man in High Street, Walsall Wood."



The scene of the crash in High Street, Walsall Wood, that left a pensioner seriously injured and fighting for his life

Fewer to face redundancy axe

FEWER workers will be made redundant at Walsall Council than originally predicted, it has been revealed, as bosses announce they will instead look to make savings elsewhere.

The council, which needs to cut £19 million from its budget, was originally looking at 332 job losses - but the number is now being cut. The figure of 332 was reduced to 284 when temporary workers had their contracts terminated and bosses have now announced that the total number of jobs lost is expected to be around 210 after chiefs went back to the drawing

board with their budget plans. Some 112 applications for voluntary redundancy have been accepted, while 12 workers have been redeployed to other areas of the local authority.

Finance chief Councillor Chris Towe said £19 million was still being cut but that savings would be made in other areas. He said: "It is a moving feast at the moment and the proposals are yet to be finalised."

"When we drew up the draft budget it was the worst case scenario but that has now changed and it could still change further. We want to keep as

many staff on as possible as without workers we won't have a council."

It comes after chiefs revealed the package of savings that would see the children's services department budget cut and Walsall Museum close.

The final budget will be approved next month by the council.

Some £5m will be slashed from the children's services budget.

The department came under fire last year when Ofsted judged safeguarding services and its capacity to improve as inadequate - although it has since improved to be rated as adequate.

NEWS in brief

Practice's joy at pet food sent in

A VETS practice in Great Wyrley collected hundreds of cans and sachets of pet food in response to a campaign to support charities helping homeless companion pets.

The 387 Veterinary Centre collected more than 100 tins of dog food, more than 150 sachets of cat food and 11.5 stone of dried food and treats.

Owner Hamish Duncan said: "We were stunned by the volume of pet food put into our Christmas collection bin. We certainly never expected to fill four of the nine kennels in our cat ward with so much Christmas cheer."

Fake phone gear found by officers

POLICE found fake iPhone accessories and phone covers as part of raids on three shops.

Officers in Sandwell executed three warrants on mobile phone shops suspected of handling stolen property as part of a force-wide day of action to stop the sale of stolen goods. Officers were accompanied by officials from the border agencies, fire service and trading standards.

Police will be talking further to all three shop owners about handling stolen goods, but no arrests have been made.

Vote for gallery to win artist visit

THE New Art Gallery in Walsall has been shortlisted in a competition to win a visit from contemporary artist Janette Parris. People can vote for the venue to win Culture 24's Connect10 Museums at Night competition.

If the gallery wins, the artist will visit the venue in Gallery Square in May.

To vote, visit www.culture24.org.uk/places-to-go/museums-at-night/art462290-Connect10-Vote-Janette-Parris

Restrictions to see route delays

DRIVERS are facing a month of delays along a route in Willenhall.

Restrictions will be in place along Coppice Farm Way until the middle of February.

Temporary traffic signals will be in operation during the four-week scheme. This is to allow for electricity main renewal works to be carried out by Western Power.

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THE BEST OF PETER RHODES



MAXIMUM respect to Chris Packham, posing on *Wintertwatch* (BBC2) with an enormous golden eagle on his arm. There is absolutely no guarantee that a bird so big and strong will not develop a sudden taste for human noses.

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FRED Pring died of heart failure in his north Wales home. An inquest heard this week how his wife made frantic 999 calls but paramedics nearby were on 'mandatory and undisturbable' rest breaks. When did a patient's life become less important than a paramedic's tea and buns? A reader tells me he had a blazing row on the phone a couple of years back when his partner fell ill but the ambulance service insisted the symptoms didn't merit an ambulance. He contacted his doctor who whistled up an ambulance PQQ. When his partner got to hospital she was found to have a perforated bowel, peritonitis and heart failure.

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WE TOOK our old moggie for his annual cat-flu jab and he has not been the same cat since. As I write this he's in full flump-mode, lying on the warm top of the stove as limp as a rag. An online search reveals that loss of appetite and inactivity are common side effects of the annual booster injections and there's some debate as to whether older cats really need them. Pet-insurance companies insist on these jabs but what do vets think?

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IT WAS one of those Should've Gone to Specsavers moments. I thought the headline said: "Batman tries to arrest Blair." I felt a brief moment of joy that, as every other inquiry and legal process seems to have failed dismally, the Caped Crusader of Gotham City was at last fingering the former prime minister's collar. No such luck. On closer reading, it was not Batman but a barman at a London restaurant. Twiggy Garcia tried unsuccessfully to make a citizen's arrest on Blair for the 2003 invasion of Iraq. Blair apparently attempted to turn the conversation around with a breezy: "I think you should be more concerned about Syria." That's a typical bit of Blairism. If things get sticky, let's all smile, bluster, change the subject and move on. The problem for about 500,000 Iraqis is that the only place they moved on to was the grave. There will be a reckoning, Tone.

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THE new series of Michael Portillo's *Great Railway Journeys* (BBC2) is a heart-warming odyssey on gloriously punctual British trains with spotless carriages that are never more than half-full, staffed by smiling, helpful employees and with not a drunk in sight. This is what television people call "factual" programming.

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COME again? You seem to recall the climate scientists telling you global warming would bring hot dry summers and mild, wet winters? And then they changed their minds and said global warming was old hat and the new term was "climate change" which accounts for "extreme climate events"? Well, forget all that. This week's news from researchers at Reading University is that our summers could become cooler, but less rainy. I hesitate to report this because, by the time this column appears, the Reading version may have been overtaken by another global guesstimate. There does seem to be a growing consensus that global warming will, er, make things cooler. But who knows what next week will bring?

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AND now, possibly the most inept and offensive invitation ever extended by a political leader to a minority group. President Putin says gays are welcome at the Sochi Winter Olympics, so long as they "leave the children in peace." Maybe Putin, or Vlad the Unveiler as he is sometimes known, deserves some credit, for at least he managed to make this announcement without taking off his shirt, riding a horse or brandishing a gun. As a quick tour of the internet proves, the more he does the butch, anti-gay thing, the more Putin becomes a bit of a gay icon. I'm sure we all look forward to him being photographed with the Olympic Village People.

Don't miss Peter Rhodes every Monday to Friday in your Express & Star

Jail on hold for man who stalked ex

A **STALKER** who hounded his ex-girlfriend with phone calls, turned up on her doorstep and went to her workplace begging to rekindle their relationship has been slapped with a restraining order and suspended jail term.

Mandip Singh, of Walsall, also made his 40-year-old ex-partner believe he would kill them both by sending an email making reference to them being with her late father soon. Walsall Magistrates Court heard that the pair ended their relationship last November but 31-year-old Singh then started constantly pestering her for more than a fortnight.

Mrs Maggie Meakin, prosecuting, said Singh also posted a drawing through her letterbox of himself, Miss Wilson, her dog, horse and late father. She said Singh went to the victim's home on November 4 last year, telling her he had taken an overdose and she called him an ambulance. The court was told that Singh kept calling her, begging her

to take him back, but she said their relationship was over.

The victim was also followed by Singh while she was on her lunch break from work in Sutton Coldfield and he made further pleas.

Singh, of Lichfield Road, Rushall, was arrested and admitted that his ex-partner had told him the relationship was over and not to contact her, but stated he was trying to arrange to collect his property. Singh admitted stalking the victim between November 1 and 20 last year.

Singh, who was previously given a six-month restraining order against Miss Wilson in August 2012 for harassment, was handed a seven-week prison sentence, suspended for 12 months. He was given a community order, with a 12-month supervision requirement, 150 hours unpaid work, and was ordered to pay £100 compensation, £85 costs and £80 victim surcharge.

Singh was also handed a restraining order, meaning he cannot contact the victim for two years.

Pointless pals win cash prize of £3,500

TWO long-standing friends found their efforts were Pointless when they put their relationship to the test.

Jeff Chilton and Tom Allsopp, an English teacher at a school near Walsall, scooped the £3,500 jackpot on the BBC daytime quiz, proving they had more obscure knowledge than their rivals.

Pals since attending high school in Hedsnesford at the age of 11, Jeff and Tom had already been knocked out of one show, but returned the following day to win the prize money.

Jeff, who lives in Lower Penn with wife of six months Sam, scored a hat-trick of scoreless answers in the final round, naming three members of Terry Venables' England Euro 96 squad. None of the 100 people surveyed had named either Tim Flowers, Steve Stone or Steve McNamara.

Tom, an English teacher at Cheslyn Hay Sports & Community High School, said: "I just left it to Jeff as football is not my field of expertise."

He added the pair could not believe their luck as the scoreboard ticked down to zero.

"When the score went down it just became a blur. We were flabbergasted," he said.

Typhoon aid from singers

YOUNGSTERS from a Sikh temple in the Black Country burst into song to help raise £3,000 for the victims of the typhoon in the Philippines.

Around 16 youngsters from Walsall and Wolverhampton joined worshippers at the Guru Nanak Gurdwara in Well Lane, Wednesfield, as part of the nationwide Khalsa Aid appeal.

Scores of people witnessed the show, which featured children aged between five and 16. The performance formed part of a two-hour programme featuring Sikh meditation and hymns, as well as guest speakers and exhibitions.

Plea on panels

VOLUNTEERS are needed to sit on panels to consider school place applications. Walsall Council and lay panel members would also listen to parents and schools in reviewing whether children should be permanently excluded. Anyone interested should call Glensy Ensor on 01922 654367.

Deaf and mute robber is given sentence warning

A **YOUNG** deaf and mute man has been warned he faces up to three years behind bars after robbing and conning victims with similar disabilities.

Cruel Burt Ledsam befriended disabled people and fleeced them for thousands of pounds in a variety of scams. He pleaded guilty to two charges of robbery and a similar number of fraud offences involving more than £5,000 when he appeared at Wolverhampton Crown Court.

by David Banner

The 22-year-old used threats and intimidation to force a deaf man to withdraw a total of £3,500 in five days last July from a bank in Walsall. Ledsam was seen on CCTV twice accompanying the victim who had to travel to the branch on a mobility scooter from his nearby home.

He also tricked two deaf women with learning difficulties out of around £1,800 by posing as a support worker. He told the first of these, who was aged 58, that he was arranging new accommodation for her and needed money to pay for wallpaper and other fittings at the non-existent flat.

Trickster

Mr Stephen Thomas, prosecuting, said she handed over money on eight separate occasions between January and June last year with a total of £1,500 involved in the scam.

Another woman gave a further £300 after being conned by the trickster into helping her friend pay for goods for the non-existent flat, added the lawyer.

Ledsam from Latches Close, Darlaston admitted twice committing fraud by falsely representing himself to the two women as a support worker collecting money towards a new flat. He further pleaded guilty to robbing a man who also had learning difficulties and was

deaf of a total of £3,500 on two dates in July.

He had previously claimed that the money had been given to him freely by the three victims but changed his plea to guilty on all four charges as his trial was about to start at Wolverhampton Crown Court. A jury that had been put in charge of the case but heard no evidence formally returned guilty verdicts.

Mr Gurdeep Garcha, deeding, told the court that the change of plea followed discussions with his client who had now had time to reflect on the situation. He said that the attack on the robbery victim had involved a single punch to the arm.

Recorder Stephen Lineham QC indicated that the defendant would not be jailed for more than three years for the offences before remanding him in custody for pre-sentence reports until February 11.

He said that it was important that three vulnerable witnesses would now not have to go through the ordeal of giving evidence to the jury during a trial.

Ledsam's only previous conviction involved an attempt to obtain property by deception that followed an incident when he was 16 years old and tried to get a £3 refund by claiming he had lost money in a photo machine. He received a conditional discharge.

Pupils help church celebrate



Front, the Rev Liz Chamberlain, with from left, Adel Khan, 10, Debra Roberts, 16, Nathan Brickcliffe, six, Hamnah Ali, six, George Cooke, 15, and Hollie Timmins, 10

AN EXHIBITION involving the work of pupils will form part of celebrations to mark the 800th year of a landmark church.

Youngsters and teenagers from Blue Coat infant, junior and academy are showcasing their creative writing and artwork at St Matthew's Church in Walsall.

The Looking Back, Looking Forward exhibition will run from February 5 to 8 with visitors asked to write about their memories of St Matthew's and the schools.

The theme of the exhibition will be to reflect the 800-year history of the church off St Matthew's Close and the longstanding links with the school.

Reverend Liz Chamberlain said: "This is a very exciting venture which is part of a programme of events during this special year. We are really pleased that the schools want to be part of our celebrations and we are sure that many people will want to come and see the pupils' work on the history of St Matthew's and their hopes for the future."

The free display will be open to the public from 10am to 2pm on weekdays and from 2pm to 6pm on the Saturday.

The church is one of the most iconic in the borough, standing at the top of the town. Work to repair the roof of the vandal-hit church is due to begin this year.

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Governor nominees sought at NHS Trust

NOMINATIONS are being sought for a new public governor for Walsall at the Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust.

Residents in Walsall who are over the age of 16 with an interest in specialist healthcare can stand as a public governor for the Trust.

Governors represent the interests of the people in the area they serve.

As well as gathering the views from local people and feeding that information back to the trust, they also work on their behalf to improve health services.

Mel Passmore, Wolverhampton Governor, said: "In Walsall, where we provide specialist learning disabilities services, two public governors have worked hard over the last two years to ensure the interests of Walsall people are taken into account when services are planned.

"If you have an interest in services provided by the trust, then this is your chance to represent your local community."

Nominations are now taking place, with voting due to start on February 28.

Nominations are also open for four staff governors who represent the views and opinions of colleagues within their area.

People who would like to run for governor can call 08000 130 103.

Revamp for centre set to boost town

THE START of work on a multi-million pound shopping centre revamp will be a boost to the rest of the town, a council chief has said.

Hearings are starting to go up around the Old Square Shopping Centre in Walsall ahead of work on the first phase of a £21m transformation. Primark and Co-op are moving in as part of the 55-week construction programme in Digbeth.

The council has agreed to invest up to £8 million to get the scheme off the ground.

Regeneration chief councillor Adrian Andrew said: "This isn't just about Walsall Council stepping in to bring two new shops to the town centre, but also employment opportunities in the supply chain."

Ellie hopes campaign will go swimmingly



Walsall's Ellie Simmonds

WEST Midland sporting stars are among the famous faces backing the return of Sport Relief and urging people to sign up for one of the events taking place.

This year for the first time, the public can make every mile count by choosing to run, swim or cycle at the Sainsbury's Sport Games from March 21-23 with events taking place in Wolverhampton and Birmingham.

Walsall-born Ellie Simmonds is

backing the public to swim to raise extra Sport Relief cash.

Leigh-Anne Pincock, from Little Mix, who are recording this year's single World Up, said: "We just got back from Liberia where we visited a project that's been helped with money raised for Sport Relief."

Highlights

It was shocking to see how tough people's lives are in the slums there, but knowing how the money raised really does help change lives was inspiring and that's why I hope

everyone gets involved." During last year's event, people in the West Midlands raised more than £1.88m which has helped fund more than 360 projects across the region.

Highlights of this year's campaign will include a night of Sport Relief television on March 21 with presenters including Gary Lineker, Gaby Logan, Claudia Winkleman, Jack Whitehall and Clare Balding.

The show will see celebrity performances, comedy sketches, highlights from this year's challenges and films about the work Sport Relief

supports. Del Boy and Rodney will also be back on TV screens with a special Only Fools and Horses Sport Relief sketch. Strictly host Tess Daly will reveal the judges' favourite partnership from Sport Relief Does Strictly, where four Paralympians and their dance partners will have taken on a challenge, hoping to impress judges. On March 23 the Sport Relief Games Show will be broadcast with Alex Jones and Matt Baker presenting from Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park. Go to sportrelief.com to donate.

Celebrations for youngsters with best-ever GCSE results

PUPILS at Brownhills School have been celebrating their school's best-ever results – as the Walsall borough climbed up the league table.

On Thursday, Walsall was revealed as 103rd in the country for GCSE performance. The local authority was 47th for A-levels in the country and 49th for vocational courses.

Piles fear man died following operation

A MAN who went to his doctor thinking he had piles died less than a month later after developing complications from surgery, an inquest heard.

Barry Williams, of Bloxwich, complained of pain while visiting his doctor in April 2010. It was thought the 66-year-old had piles, but the foundry worker was diagnosed with a perianal abscess a few days later and underwent a colostomy and surgery at Walsall Manor Hospital to cut off dead tissue, Smethwick Coroner's Court heard.

But the 66-year-old suffered a cardiac arrest after developing fecal peritonitis due to a perforated small bowel and died on May 21, 2010. The inquest was told that a post mortem examination also found that severe necrotizing fasciitis, a flesh-eating disease caused by infection, had contributed to his death.

Recording his conclusion, Black Country Coroner Robin Balmain said: "Death was as the result of complication of necessary emergency surgery properly indicated and performed."

Brownhills headteacher Helen Keenan said she was delighted as her school was named the seventh top performer in the borough for its GCSEs, as 68 per cent of 117 pupils achieved five grades at C or higher, including English and maths.

She said: "We were delighted by the record examination results in 2013 which reflected the hard work of students and staff and the support of parents and governors. This follows a highly successful Ofsted in June."

Official

Last Thursday's tables also reveal that almost a quarter of a million fewer children are being taught in failing secondary schools compared with three years ago.

The number of schools falling below the Government's floor target for secondaries has more than halved since 2010, according to official data contained in new performance tables. But there are still just over 150 schools that are considered to be under-performing, collectively educating almost 120,000.

The new league tables are based on data and information provided by the Department for Education (DfE).

The results show how every school and college across England performed at GCSE, A-level, other academic and vocational qualifications in 2013. Education Secretary Michael Gove said that the figures were 'a credit to the professionalism and hard work of teachers'.



Brownhills pupils James Haddock, Remi-Leigh Williams, Lucy Beardmore, Lewis Aulton, Jagdeep Sidhu, Ben Boulter, Katy Blackwell and Lauren Powell celebrate getting results which helped put the authority up the league

Vet's nurse overdose tragedy

A VETERINARY nurse accidentally died from an overdose of medication prescribed for high blood pressure – after being confronted by her partner over suspicions she took thyroid drugs intended for animals.

Nicole Firth, aged 27, collapsed while visiting her GP on October 15 last year after being accompanied there by staff from a nearby chemist's, the inquest heard. She was taken to Walsall Manor Hospital, but she died despite efforts to save her.

Black Country Assistant Coroner Mr Angus Smillie told the inquest a

toxicology report showed Miss Firth, who was prescribed the beta-blocker propranolol, had 9.1 milligrammes in her system, an amount 'consistent with overdosing'. The cause of death was given as propranolol overdose.

He said she had previously been treated in hospital for overdoses.

Dr Diana Newson, based at Lichfield Street Surgery in Walsall town centre, said there had been concerns over the presence of the levels of thyroxine, a thyroid hormone, which showed up in hospital tests. But Miss Firth, who had thyroid issues, denied taking 'fictitious

thyroxine'. Her partner Keir Lidster said he confronted Miss Firth the day before her death with his suspicions that she was taking thyroxines after finding it on several occasions.

He said they discussed the issue that night and he told Miss Firth unless she told the truth he could not help her. He added she had been upset and had sent texts to him and her family the next day. Mr Smillie said he was not satisfied beyond reasonable doubt that she had intended to take her own life and concluded that Miss Firth, of Lichfield Road, Butts, Walsall, died accidentally.

NEWS in brief

Football trouble admitted by men

THREE men from Walsall have admitted their part in football violence when trouble flared between Walsall FC and Shrewsbury Town fans.

Ben Edwards, aged 26, Stephen Leonard Snr, 51, and Stephen Leonard Jnr, 28, all from Walsall admitted violent disorder in relation to trouble before the match on October 14, 2012, at Shrewsbury Crown Court.

Edwards, of Roebuck Road, Stephen Leonard Snr, of Kent Street, and Stephen Leonard, also of Roebuck Road, will appear in court again on February 12.

Crackdown on dumping costs

A CRACKDOWN on fly-tipping has been backed to reduce the annual £140,000 clean-up bill.

A £100 reward has been launched by Walsall Council for information leading to a prosecution.

Councillor Ian Shires, a member of the Cabinet, said in New Invention and Short Heath range from 20 fridge freezers, 50 inch flat screen TV boxes, shopping trolleys, mattresses, garden furniture and bin bags.

Incidents of fly-tipping should be emailed to environmentalhealth@walsall.lgov.uk or call 01922 653020.

Baby care boost with cradle club

PARENTS can take their babies along to a club aimed at encouraging youngsters to enjoy stories and rhymes from the moment they are born.

The Cradle Club in Brownhills is aimed at parents and carers with children aged up to two-years-old. It will be held at Brownhills Library every Wednesday in school term time between 10.00am, and 11.30am.

People can turn up on the day or call 01922 650730 for information.

Steaming ahead with latest book

A GUIDE of locomotives in Staffordshire is the focus of a new book.

Wildlife Through Staffordshire by Paul Leslie Line and Matt Langham has been published by Walsall-based Mapeeker Archive Publishers. It also features verses by Aldridge poet Ian Henerly.

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area and Brian is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. "The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people

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BENEFITS Street, poverty porn, exploiting the most vulnerable members of society.

Apparently, the Channel 4 documentary has attracted 1,700 complaints, and now MP Austin Mitchell has waded into the debate, saying that programme makers had 'conned' people into appearing in the programme, and put them 'on show like animals in a zoo'.

Steady on there a bit, old boy. While I can certainly sympathise with the normal, law-abiding and hard-working residents of James Turner Street who were not selected to take part in the series because their lives were not colourful enough, and now have to live with the stigma of the way the street has been portrayed, I do think some of those in the series protest too much.

Certainly, some of the show's 'stars' - who claim they were duped by Channel 4 into appearing on the series - do not appear to have been too reticent in coming forward to other sections of the media.

But for those genuinely concerned about television's exploitation of the poor, weak and unintelligent, then I would be much more concerned with what ITV has planned for later in the year.

The network is planning to screen a reality series where deluded individuals are invited to humiliate themselves on national television, before being berated for their stupidity or ineptitude by multi-millionaire businessmen.

Candidates for the show are recruited on the pretext that they have a slim possibility of a career in showbusiness, and are rigorously vetted prior to their appearance to ensure there is just the right mix of oddballs.

Those participating are encouraged to plead for their continued presence in the show, especially if it includes a sob story about financial hardship or personal tragedy. Highlights of previous series have included a man who refused to budge after lying down on the stage, and a girl who punched her best mate in the face after receiving a tongue-lashing from the tycoon who rakes in millions from the show. X Factor is back for a new series in September.

I've never really got the games console thing. What makes grown men - and it is invariably men - want to sit for hours on end in front of a television screen fiddling around with a little plastic joystick has always been a bit of a mystery.

So the motives behind the man in Kansas who reportedly ran back into his burning house to rescue his Xbox is truly impossible to comprehend.

According to reports, the man had endangered his life. Assuming, of course, he had one to begin with.



Soul singer Beverly Knight



One Direction singer Liam Payne



Councillor Roger Lawrence



West Bromwich MP Tom Watson

Making sure that our region is done proud

DANIEL WAINWRIGHT

looks at plans under way to celebrate the region's special day in 2014

A LONE flag flying outside a government office in London was no way to celebrate everything that is good about the Black Country.

Now plans are under way to make sure more is done to recognise the region's special day in 2014.

Dudley is already flying the official Black Country flag, designed by school pupil Gracie Sheppard, as the countdown begins to the official Black Country Day on July 14 - the anniversary of the invention of the Newcomen Engine.

Delighted

And with plenty for the Black Country to shout about - from food delicacies such as grags and bacon to stars such as One Direction's Liam Payne and Beverley Knight, who both hail from Wolverhampton - renewed calls are now being made to make sure the region is championed come July 14. Dudley has long been acknowledged by many as the 'capital' of the Black Country - something which deputy council leader Pete Lowe is keen to celebrate by flying the flag which features a chain to represent the manufacturing heritage of the area.

The upright triangular shape in the background recalls the iconic glass cones and iron furnaces that were once commonplace throughout the region.

"All of us living and working in the area have plenty to be proud of and as



Gracie Sheppard, who was the designer, with councillor David Sparks, left, and councillor Pete Lowe who are showing off the flag

the capital of the Black Country here in Dudley we are determined to ensure we celebrate who and what we are," Councillor Lowe said.

"I for one am delighted to see that we will have a Black Country Day to celebrate each year and want to help ensure that in 2014 as many people as possible join in celebrations to recognise the area's achievements."

Watson led calls for a proper Black Country Day last year and has urged local authorities to do what they could in 2014 to make sure the day was one to remember: "I commend Dudley Council for its excellent leadership on this."

"It is a day when we can celebrate the cultural, economic and political influence of a very important region of the country."

Dudley Council leader David Sparks added: "Cornwall has a flag, Wales has a dragon, Scotland has its referendum and now we can proclaim that we are also a special place with a special culture."

"As the capital of the Black Country I hope Dudley borough people and organisations will show off the flag with great pride not only on July 14 but all year round."

Wolverhampton City Council also wants to join in the celebrations, but isn't flying a flag any time soon.

Activities

Council leader Roger Lawrence said: "I'm not even sure how we'd go about getting one. For all I know there's only one flag between us."

Walsall Council's leader Mike Bird added: "People think of the Black Country as a grimy, smoky and horrible place which it most definitely isn't. "We should celebrate our part in the industrial revolution."

To try and kick off the celebrations Dudley Council is working with community groups and traders throughout the borough to organise activities to mark the day. Councillor Lowe said the feedback so far had been positive.

The Black Country Living Museum has announced it will hold a Black Country weekend on July 12 and 13 with another celebratory evening taking place on September 13.

Smaller community events are also being planned.

THROUGH THE YEARS

1984

PART-time fireman David Bloomer was called out during the early hours of the morning to fight a fire at his own house. A passer-by called the fire brigade during the early hours of the morning after seeing smoke drifting above the Bilbrook estate.

AROUND 20 girls at a Dudley school were sent home for wearing trousers, in defiance of uniform regulations. The fifth-formers at Mons Hill School said it was unfair that female teachers could wear trousers, but pupils had to wear skirts and stockings, regardless of the weather.

EDUCATION chiefs in Staffordshire took the first step towards banning corporal punishment in schools. But the canings would continue for the time being, until the Government brought in new legislation to comply with an edict from the European Court of Human Rights.

1994

IT was announced that the Queen was to visit Wolverhampton, Dudley and Walsall in the summer. She was scheduled to visit St Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolves £14.5 million redevelopment at Molineux, as well as the new floodlit track at Wolverhampton Racecourse. She would also be dropping in at Walsall's Rainbow House hospice and opening a new visitor centre at Dudley Castle.

MEANWHILE, two shots were fired at the Prince of Wales in an Australian park. The gunman was wrestled to the ground, and the Prince coolly told officials later: "Don't worry, these things happen."

TELLY Savalas, the actor best remembered for playing the title role in the 1970s detective series Kojak, died at the age of 70.

2004

COMEDIAN Bobby Ball was presented with his own souvenir Express & Star front page as he celebrated his 60th birthday in Wolverhampton. The funnyman, one half of double-act Cannon and Ball, was appearing in Peter Pan at the theatre. He said he was thrilled and planned to put the framed front page in his attic bedroom. Referring to his comedy partner Tommy Cannon, he joked: "What's good about it is the fact that Tommy hasn't got one of these."

WOLVES pulled off their second Premier League shock in the space of a week, with Kenny Miller snatching a last-gasp equaliser at home to Liverpool. The unlikely 1-1 draw came hot on the heels of a 1-0 Molineux victory over Manchester United, where Miller had also been on the mark.

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LETTERS

Beeb's laughable impartiality claim

FURTHER to an occasional comment in the Peter Rhodes' column – the 'left-wing' bias that grips the BBC is well known, despite its laughable claims that it "upholds political impartiality" in its reporting.

The fact that it is financed via the public – whose political outlook may often be contrary to that of the BBC – is quite disgraceful.

That people who do not share the BBC's political leanings are required by law to purchase a BBC TV licence, is exactly the same as being legally required (under threat of prosecution) to purchase every single issue of a left-

wing newspaper, even though they may wish to read a different publication.

This cannot be right in any democracy worthy of that title.

The BBC has become, politically, a propaganda tool of the metropolitan elite who are made up of the London left-wing media, lawyers, politicians, so-called 'intellectuals' and the like.

They are a highly articulate and powerful set whose influence permeates our entire society – the proof of which lies in the fact that for years people have been howling against the injustice of the TV licence (on political

grounds) but that nothing has been done to address this issue. Certain campaigns, highlighting injustice or environmental issues, have been launched by various bodies within the press and at this point in time.

I think that a just cause would be served in cleansing the BBC of its bias and, like independent TV and radio companies, forcing it to make its own way in the competitive media environment – without funding from those who resent being legally compelled to support it.

S LAMBERTON
Station Road, Aldridge

Referendum milestone as Bill presented

I WAS very glad to see the EU Referendum Bill presented to the House of Lords. This is an important milestone for the Bill to allow a referendum on the UK membership of the EU in 2017.

Those with vested interests in Brussels like Lord Kinnock and Lord Mandelson will complain about giving a choice to the electorate. However, the people of Walsall North have been denied their say on our membership of the EU and its predecessor organisations for 40 years.

The European Union has changed immensely, going from an economic free-trade group to a major political body. The Conservatives are the only party committed to giving the British public the referendum they deserve.

D HANSEN-LUKE
Prospective MP
Walsall North

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Calling all Bridgwoods

I'M RESEARCHING the Bridgwood family tree and in doing so am trying to trace Anthony (Tony) Bridgwood, husband of the late Gladys, who would now be about 74, in the hope he can help me.

His last known address was Watts Close, Tipton and he is known to still live in the area. I can be contacted on 07800 893775 or write to 5 Pargeter Court, Walsall, WS2 8UJ.

G PAYNE, Walsall

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Licensing issue that is not all black and white

THE ARTICLE in the Express & Star, 'Black and white TV about to fade', caught my eye. How are these TVs being operated, with a black and white licence? Are new black and white digital sets being made?

Many years ago when I moved into my flat I was given a black and white TV which I used for many years. B

eing out of work I couldn't, unlike some people on the dole, afford a colour TV. However, once back in work, I bought a video recorder, but as it received in colour, I had to buy a colour licence.

Aren't digital receivers for colour also, or has the licensing authority changed the goalposts?

R HARBOUR, Rose Hill Gardens, Willenhall

Don't forget male ironers

I READ the Express & Star report on ironing (Tuesday, January 7) and you have failed to mention that a lot of men now have to do this chore as well as the cooking, cleaning and using the washing machine.

As far as ironing is concerned I just regard this as a job that has to be done, neither love it or hate it.

Since my father died four years ago I have lived on my own and it is surprising what can be done if one puts one's mind to it. I also have to juggle full time work, so most tasks are left to the weekend. Regarding Kirstie Allsop, I don't think she lives in the real world.

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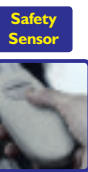
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NEWS

Fury at parking claims

COUNCIL bosses have hit out at media reports that obese people are being given disabled parking permits.

Walsall Council says individuals applying for blue badges have various medical conditions which affect their mobility.

It insists that an obese person with a permit would have one because there is a link to a medical condition. It comes amid claims that people were getting badges for obesity.

Councillor Chris Towe, portfolio holder for resources, said: "It is important to make clear that we do not issue blue badges to people because they are obese."

"If an individual does not have an auto-

matic entitlement to a blue badge, which applies to people who receive the higher rate of the mobility component of the disability living allowance, the council carries out a mobility assessment to determine whether the individual has a permanent and substantial disability that causes inability to walk or very considerable difficulty in walking.

"Individuals applying for blue badges have a very wide range of medical conditions which can lead to severe impairment of their mobility. It is never the case that an individual medical condition including obesity would give rise to the issuing of a blue badge. Any suggestion to the contrary would be inaccurate and misleading."

Roadworks delays alert

MOTORISTS are being warned of delays during roadworks for water main repairs.

Temporary traffic lights will operate in Walsall Road, Darlaston, from February 3 to 7. South Staffordshire Water is carrying out the work.

Next Tuesday traffic in Hospital Street, Birchills, will be affected by stop and go controls between 9.30am and 4pm.

Lockers were targeted by thief at gym

HE TARGETED gym users by breaking into their lockers and stealing their possessions – including two cars after swiping the keys.

But Taimoor Ali has avoided jail after his cases were dealt with separately by magistrates.

The 21-year-old targeted Pure Gym in Walsall and West Bromwich. In one case, Wolverhampton Magistrates were told, he chose his victim by hanging around outside and engaging him in conversation to work out which was his car – before stealing the keys to a Seat Ibiza parked in Astle Outlet Park in West Bromwich in February last year.

In another theft, he broke into a locker at the gym in Bridge Street, Walsall, getting away with a wallet containing a driver's licence and an iPhone the same month. And he struck again on March 1, stealing keys to a BMW 3 series from a man's locker before finding the car parked at a nearby Tesco.

CCTV was reviewed by police and it was discovered Ali had used a pin code

by Simon Stone

obtained from a legitimate member of the gym to get into the lockers.

But when questioned by police Ali claimed it was a case of mistaken identity. He was later positively identified by one of his victims.

Mr Malcolm Fowler, defending, said: "His money issues seem to have been addressed now he has sorted out his benefits which he receives £106." Ali, of St Paul's Road, Smethwick, had previously been given a 12-month community order for the Walsall crimes – and was only being sentenced for the West Bromwich theft this week after admitting to theft. He was given an additional 12 month community order and told he must carry out 150 hours of unpaid work over a year.

Fundraiser for Kenzy



Kenzy Jones with his twin sister Kadi Leigh, both aged five

THE FAMILY of a five-year-old disabled boy are hoping to raise nearly £6,000 for a specialist bed to keep him safe at night.

Kyla and Kiy Jones, from Walsall, are organising a fundraising evening of entertainment at The Brunswick pub on Crankhall Lane, Wednesbury, on Friday February 7. All proceeds from the night will be donated to Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children, which is working with the family to provide a £5,939 Safespace to keep five-year-old Kenzy safe at night.

Kenzy was diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder at the age of three, and more recently he has experienced seizures and is being monitored for epilepsy.

He currently sleeps in a standard cot but has no awareness of danger and injures himself on the sides, which he also climbs over, causing disruption in the bedroom he shares with his older brother who has Cerebral Palsy.

His parents turned to Cannock-based Newlife Foundation for funding help. The fundraiser will feature drag artist Anett Curtain, prize bingo and karaoke. Tickets are £5 each and are available in advance from the pub. Entry to the event, which starts at 7pm, will be by ticket only. If you would like to donate towards the cost of Kenzy's bed go to the website www.justgiving.com/Kenzy-Jones

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NEWS

Stephen's bucket list raises total of £160k

by Simon Stone

THERE are many lists showing the things you should do before you die but one young terminal cancer sufferer has created and carried out his own.

It all started with a tattoo in his armpit followed by a charity quiz at his local pub.

Now a year after publishing online his quirky wish-list of 46 things to do before he dies, Stephen Sutton, who has incurable cancer, is reflecting on 12 months of fun and fundraising. He says: "It's been an unimaginable year."

Now the 19-year-old from Burntwood is celebrating the one-year anniversary of his list by announcing the fund now stands at more than £160,000.

In the last 12 months he has played the drums in front of 90,000 football fans at Wembley, surfed a festival crowd in a rubber dinghy, learned to juggle, performed a couple of skydives, given a speech at the House of Commons and met his comedy hero Jimmy Carr.

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But Number 1 on the list, and by far the most important to him, was to raise £10,000 for the Teenage Cancer Trust, which has supported him and other young people fighting the disease.

The latest fundraising figure fills him with immense pride, and which makes him their top fundraiser on the Just Giving website. It all seems like a long time ago now but he thinks the fundraising started with a pub quiz at his local, The Wych Elm in Burntwood.

A lot has happened since, some of it not anticipated. He did not expect to enjoy the fundraising so much.

Looking back he said: "The scale of it has been so incredible, it's been unimaginable. I have benefited person-



Stephen Sutton, who has incurable cancer, with Wolverhampton students ally from the kindness shown by the community out there, and knowing that people care."

He has become something of a celebrity, with 12,500 'likes' on Facebook, 16,000 followers on Twitter and a clutch of awards to his name.

He is the regional winner of the venerated National Awards, has won Kids Count charity's Most Inspirational Young Person's Award and his

school, Chase Terrace Technology College, has named a trophy after him.

He has earned standing ovations as a motivational speaker, most recently as guest speaker at the Find Your Sense of Tumour event organised by the Teenage Cancer Trust.

"I've had a really good time in 2013 and there's still a lot more to do," he said.

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NEWS

Memories of Jamie at Arboretum ceremony

by Marion Brennan

A MOVING ceremony at Walsall Arboretum in memory of brave youngster Jamie Cartwright - who died after twice fighting off leukaemia - took place at the weekend.

The Walsall nine-year-old was tragically struck down after picking up an infection while recovering in hospital from the second bout of the illness.

An internal investigation into the youngster's death at Birmingham Children's Hospital has been launched following an official complaint by his parents. Recently, heartbroken John and Vicki Cartwright planted an oak tree sapling in memory to their 'brave and courageous' son, near the skate-board park where he loved to perform daredevil stunts.

Transplant

Over 100 friends and family attended the ceremony where a poem was read out and hundreds of balloons released. Later this year a charity in his name will also be launched.

Jamie, who lived in Rischale Way, Rushall, was first diagnosed with leukaemia in 2006 when he was just two years old. After intense chemotherapy he went into remission.

But almost seven years later, a couple of days after Christmas 2012, they were given the distressing news that the condition was back.

Throughout last year, Jamie endured more bouts of chemotherapy before undergoing a bone marrow transplant thanks to his 14-year-old brother Aaron who was a perfect donor match. Afterwards, Jamie was given the all-clear from leukaemia but tragically caught an infection, Aspergillus, which the family claim was undetected by the hospital until the youngster suffered a seizure. By that time the infec-



Courageous - Jamie Cartwright, seen on a family holiday to Turkey in 2012

tion had spread to his brain and on August 7 his family were told he had suffered a brain haemorrhage. He died a few hours later.

Jamie's uncle, Danny Loundes, of Bloxwich, said: "Despite everything, he was so bubbly, making everyone laugh, and he was so strong too. He was doing so well and we all thought he'd be home permanently."

Since then, family and friends have thrown themselves into fundraising for the Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall. Vicki, aged 41, is a hair stylist at a BUPA care home, and 44-year-old John, is a property maintenance worker. Mr Loundes said the couple, along with Aaron, had just endured Jamie's first birthday without him. "The youngster would have been 10 two weeks ago. "It's been a very difficult

time for them. Jamie's death is still very raw for all of us. But the tree-planting and balloon release is something positive."

Jamie's school, Little Bloxwich CofE Primary, is paying its own tribute to their popular former pupil by building a shelter with a bench, to be called Jamie's Place, where children can go if they are feeling down.

Birmingham Children's Hospital has since released a statement. Spokeswoman Anna Sykes said: "We can confirm that we are carrying out our own internal investigation in response to the complaint received from John and Vicki Cartwright, following the death of their son Jamie. We will continue to liaise closely with the family and our thoughts remain with them at this very difficult time."

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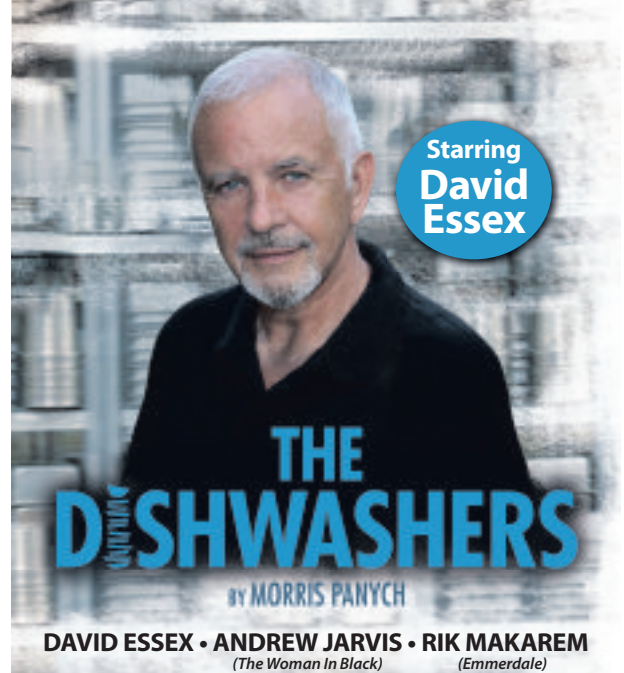


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NEWS

Re-leaf for Brett as waiting game pays off to get international award

HE HAD waited three hours on a misty morning to capture the perfect autumnal scene, and Great Wyrley photographer Brett Critchley had to all intents given up.

But while walking away from the woodland the decisive moment finally arrived for the 37-year-old.

What started as an unpromising sunrise ended up being a spectacular scene which Brett captured on camera, creating an atmospheric work of art. His image of rays of sunlight beaming through the trees onto golden leaves has now earned him an international award – with judges hailing the stunning picture as 'capturing autumn in every sense'.

Brett was awarded first prize for his entry to the Royal Horticultural Society's annual photographic competition. He beat thousands of entries from 40 countries to be named the winner in the seasons category with his image entitled Autumn Light.

Pleased

The photo was captured at the side of The Wrekin in Shropshire. I had just sat through a very wet, cold, foggy and uneventful sunrise and was walking back to my car when this scene presented itself," said Brett, who works for a photo selling agency.

"I shot it freehand with a wide-open aperture and was very pleased with the results."

Brett added: "I very rarely enter any of my photographs into competitions, so winning this category has been both rewarding and exciting. I feel honoured that others consider this photograph to be special. When I saw the categories for this year's RHS competition I knew this was the right place for me to share my photograph," he said.

Brett also had success in the competition's wildlife category, winning third prize for his photograph of a mole emerging from underground into the



The winning picture of autumnal trees near the Wrekin in Shropshire



Popping out just at the right moment – Mighty Mole by Brett Critchley

light. He captured the image while in his mother's garden in Norwich. He added: "I didn't expect to win at all but the fact that I did and I came third for my other photograph of a mole is fantastic."

"Winning has definitely given me the motivation to enter more competitions in the future."

"I work as a photographer semi-professionally, but I would like to keep it as a hobby more than a job."

Competition judge Chris Young,

who is also editor of The Garden magazine, said: "Brett's image immediately caught the judges' attention as a clear winner of this category. His striking, atmospheric photo with golden leaves lit by stunning shafts of light and misty tree trunks captures autumn in every sense," said Chris.

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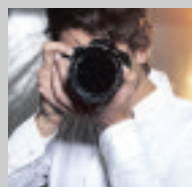
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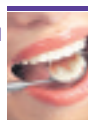
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Five artworks are planned for locations between Bentley Bridge and Wednesfield High Street which will be installed this summer. The sculptures, which are funded by the owners of Bentley Bridge, will consist of four cast iron creations that are to be a 'celebration' of the people of Wednesfield.

The fifth creation is set to be a much

larger 'Wayfinder' or signpost-like structure on the Wednesfield side of the Bentley Bridge complex that directs people to key locations in the town centre. It will be made of stainless steel. Local artists Julie Edwards and Ron Thompson are behind the creations and have already had their work attached to the side of the recent extension at Sainsbury's.

Julie said: "This has been a wonderful project. The community groups at Wednesfield have been a pleasure to

work with and the support from local groups such as WV11 and the community support workers have really made this project."

The castings are being made at Purbright Castings in Chapel Green, Willenhall, with the use of metal, stone and granite plinths.

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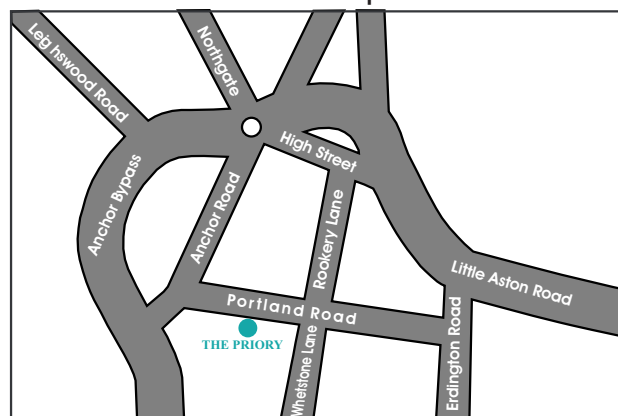
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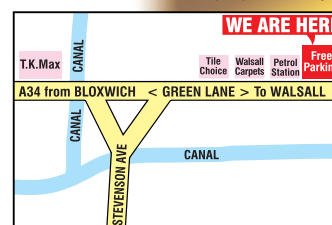


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Gym is shaping up to help parents work out

A NEW gym which features a special play area for children to use as their parents work out has opened its doors.

Friends Jenna Williams and Sam Clarke have launched Change Ur Shape in Bloxwich in a move which has created five new jobs.

The pair previously ran a gym in Wednesbury of the same name but decided to move it to Leamore Lane.

Their new facility is split over two floors.

Upstairs features a circuit aimed at women and mothers who can leave

their children in the soft play area.

Downstairs has cardio equipment such as running and rowing machines. Miss Williams, aged 27, said they moved locations as they felt there was a need for the gym in the area: "We're really looking forward to launching the new business."

"It's been going really well so far."

"We moved to Bloxwich because we saw a gap in the market. There wasn't anything else like this around here."

She continued: "We've got a play area upstairs so mums can bring their children and know that they will be

safe." Change Ur Shape was based in Wednesbury for five years before the move.

The new gym opened by the friends features more than 30 pieces of equipment.

There are currently plans in the pipeline to create two outdoor gyms at parks in Darlaston.

There are plans to install outdoor gym equipment in Kings Hill Park, in Forge Road, Kings Hill, as part of the next phase of its redevelopment and a second is earmarked for land off Queen Street, in Moxley.



Jenna Williams in the gym at Change Ur Shape, Leamore Lane, Bloxwich, which has opened a soft play area

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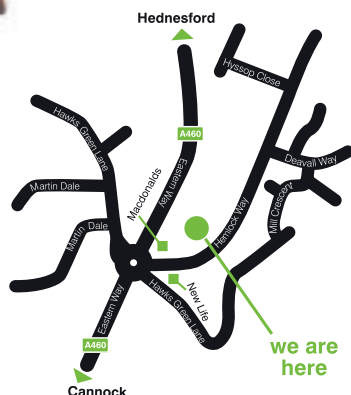
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NEWS

It's a piece of cake for Alfie's birthday double



Alfie with his cake made by baking guru Lara Clarke

TAKE 40 eggs, 5kg of sugar and 2kg of flour and what have you got? A four-year-old boy. This two-and-a-half foot cake is a dead ringer for little Alfie and his favourite toy monkey.

It is the latest creation of Brownhills cook Lara Clarke, aged 27, who has been dazzling the baking world with her lifelike concoctions.

The cake took 15 hours to make and was ordered by Alfie's godparents Tammy and Stephen as a surprise for the youngster's fourth birthday.

It is made up of 10 different sponges and cost £400. Lara has never met Alfie or his mum Chantelle Rose, of Kings Norton, and cooked the cake based on photographs.

Fascinated

But while many may be put off eating the cake child clone, it is fully edible and was consumed by Alfie and his family. Miss Clarke, 27, said: "The head is the most difficult thing because until you paint it you don't actually know if it will look anything like who it is supposed to."

"I was told Alfie's family wanted to keep it but I said it is all edible so they had to eat it."

Mum Chantelle, 23, added: "I was fascinated by the details as it didn't look like a cake, more like a clay model. "We did eventually cut the cake up and handed it out as Lara said she makes cakes to eat."

New housing development bid at site of closed school

THE site of a former school which has been empty since it was closed almost 10 years ago could be transformed into 78 homes, if plans are given council approval.

The development would be built on the former Fir Tree School site, Greenside Way, if plans put forward by Persimmon Homes are given the green light by Sandwell Council.

The development on the Yew Tree Estate on the Walsall-West Bromwich border, would include two, three and four-bedroom houses and smaller two-bedroom apartments.

Developers have also pledged to put aside 20 homes for affordable housing.

A letter from the developer to the head of Sandwell Council's planning committee, Councillor Steven Frear, states: "The site is considered to be, in general, unkept or maintained."

"The development will contribute to the delivery of new homes to meet local housing needs."

The school closed in 2005. Before it shut residents were asked what they would like the site to become.

He called on the planning committee to consider a football ground for local teams.

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£500 raised by panto

A PANTO performance raised more than £500 for a Cannock charity - and brought some new year joy to an Oldbury youngster in the process. Burntwood man Kevin Wilcox wrote Snow White and played the Evil Queen in the production at the old rep in Birmingham. The £581 raised will go to the Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children and will fund a specialist buggy for five-year old Jude Grainger-Southall, who has cartilaginous dysplasia.

NEWS

Campus start target



A computer-generated image of the planned interior of the new multi-million pound sports and business college campus in Walsall.

WORK is due to get under way this summer on a new multi-million pound sports and business college campus in Walsall.

Bids are now being sought for the £7.15 million contract to design and build the new Walsall College hub next to the main Wisemore site. Interested parties have until February 17 to put forward a submission for the work, which will include the construction of business areas, sports facilities, services and landscaping.

It is subject to formal planning permission but it is anticipated the overall scheme worth up to £11m could start in July. It could then be completed in June next year ahead of the September term.

Construction

Around 250 jobs will be created as part of the project, including the construction phase of the three-storey hub. The Skills Funding Agency has backed the proposals, which have received a £3.6m grant. It is planned for vacant land next to its existing Wisemore Campus in Littleton Street.

It was previously the site of the old Lime House which was once used as a dentist's surgery and council offices. The college has agreed to purchase land for the new build from Walsall Council.

Court orders fraudster to pay up over false claims

A BENEFITS cheat will have to repay more than £14,000 after being convicted of fraud by failing to declare she lived with her partner.

Rachael Rogers, of Willenhall, was ordered to repay the full amount of housing benefit she had been overpaid, which amounted to £7,169.54, at Walsall Magistrates Court last week.

The court heard she received the cash over more than two years up to January 2012.

Mrs Kerry Munro, prosecuting, said the 35-year-old had also fraudulently claimed £4,289.90 in income support and £2,646.70 in Jobseeker's Allowance by failing to declare she lived with her partner, who was working.

Benefits

She said: "The defendant's claim was fraudulent because from at least October 2009 her partner, Lee Whitehouse, was residing at the same address as Rogers."

"She said she was the only adult living at the address."

Mrs Munro said her benefits had been paid on the basis she was a single parent with dependent children.

She told the court: "Investigations were carried out following information suggesting the defendant was living with Mr Whitehouse."

The court heard various documents linked Mr Whitehouse to her address. Rogers, of Slater Street, Willenhall, was convicted earlier following a trial of four charges of dishonestly failing to notify Walsall Council and the Department for Work and Pensions of a change in circumstances that would have affected her entitlement to benefits.

Defending, Mr Nigel Ford said despite being found guilty of the charges she maintained her innocence. He told the court she had initially started to make payments when asked to repay the authorities but had then become bankrupt.

He said: "There were payments for a year before my defendant became bankrupt."

In addition to having to pay the £7,169.54 in housing benefit, Rogers was fined £200, ordered to pay a £400 contribution to costs and £20 victim surcharge.

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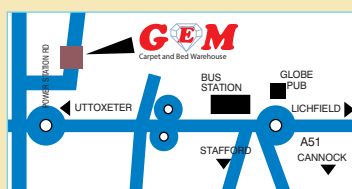


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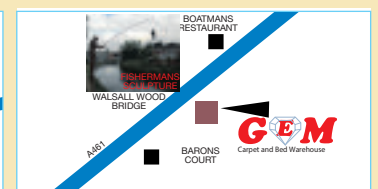


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Plans lodged for units at site of depot

TWO industrial units will be built on the site of a former Walsall Council depot, under new plans lodged, which could also see up to 30 jobs created.

The buildings would spring up in Merchants Way, Aldridge, and would provide space for several businesses starting up in the community, according to planning agents behind the scheme.

According to plans lodged with Walsall Council, a two-storey building would be used for manufacturing or as a warehouse, while a single-storey building would be used as 'starter units'.

No tenants have yet been lined up but it is thought the scheme could create dozens of jobs. Planning agent Paul Wilkes said: "They are speculative units. We don't know who will go in them but it could create jobs. We have provided for six units of different sizes. They would be good for people starting out in business who want a modest, simple unit."

Boundaries

"I would have thought you would be looking at 25 to 30 jobs. We are itching to get on site and get on with it."

He said work on the industrial units could be completed later this year if the scheme is given the go-ahead by planning chiefs.

A planning report, submitted with the proposals, reads: "The existing site was previously a council depot. The buildings have been removed above ground. It is proposed to erect two buildings for either industrial or storage use. Both buildings are speculative, but ideally the two storey building would become a manufacturing or warehousing use, whilst the single storey building would be suitable as starter units."

The council depot which was based in Merchants Way was staffed by more than 40 workers but closed in 2011 in a bid to save cash. The base was for waste management and ground maintenance teams, with workers moving to a new depot in Brownhills.

Pupils show top class brains with IQs better than geniuses



Barr Beacon School pupils, left, Katy Edge, 12, and Charlotte Frazer Morris, 14, who both have IQs of 162

THE BRAINS of Stephen Hawking, Bill Gates and Albert Einstein proved no match for a handful of pupils from an Aldridge school who beat their IQ ratings of 160 on the Mensa test.

Fifteen of the 74 pupils from Barr Beacon School, in Aldridge, have been welcomed into Mensa after qualifying with a rating of 148 or more, demonstrating an IQ in the top two per cent of the population.

by Simon Stone

Katy Edge, aged 12, of Pheasey, and Charlotte Frazer-Morris, 14, of Great Barr, both scored 162 on the test, while 12-year-old Laura Sperry, also of Great Barr, achieved 161.

All three achieved scores putting them among the brightest one per cent of the population.

Year 8 pupil Katy said she was shocked when the results of the test were revealed. "I was happy and proud about it, but surprised," she said. "I want to go to university when I finish at school. I would love to be a writer or an author. I like English."

Year 9 pupil Charlotte, who is starting a GCSE-equivalent B-Tech in art this year and will also be studying economics alongside her other subjects next year, said finding out had been 'surreal'.

She said: "I couldn't put it into perspective at first."

"It was only when I did research about other IQs that I realised how well I had done. I'm proud and grateful that the school gave me the opportunity to do it."

She said her parents, Julie, 42, and Craig, 44, were very proud to find out how well she had done, adding: "They were quite enthusiastic. They are really supportive. I

would like to go on to be a lecturer, probably in chemistry. It's my favourite subject. My science teacher is a big inspiration to me."

David Lowbridge, deputy head-teacher, said the group of 15 who had been welcomed into Mensa included five pupils in year 7.

He added: "There was a group of 74 pupils, from years 7 to 13, who did the test under exam conditions at school. We feel immensely proud of our pupils because even though we know they work very hard, we know with a little encouragement they can achieve anything they set their minds to."

"We are good at recognising their potential based on exam results but we wanted to do something different to recognised further potential. Some of them were very surprised with their results. Our pupils work very hard."

"We are very proud of the distinctions they go on to."

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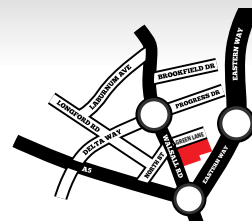
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REVIEW

Great display of young home-grown folk talent

Folk Lounge – Newhampton Arts Centre, Wolverhampton

THERE is a rich and deep seam of young folk talent in the Midlands and Wolverhampton and musician Faye Katherine Brookes has scratched the surface to set up what will hopefully be the first of the folk Lounges in the city.

The night at the arts centre, Dunkley Street showed not only the quality of the talent out there but also the depth and breadth of sound and song which is right on the doorstep.

When you are on a bill full of artists it can be the poison chalice to be first up, this challenge fell to Wolverhampton singer/songwriter Rob Fellows, who like several of the artists on the night had to contend with sound problems.

David Fisher, another singer/songwriter and busker was next up and opened well on the goboron with There's No Reason to be Sad.

His distinct voice launched straight into the quick-fire tune and lyrics which had a Western feel to them. With a good rhythm he built the sound nicely



Left, Adam Heath from High Horses and right Daniel Kirk, of Wolverhampton

in what was a really good arm waving song, the sort that would get festival crowds swaying.

He gave up the stage to another Wolverhampton singer/songwriter, Daniel Kirk, who plays a four string guitar to accompany his distinctive and extremely likeable voice, but he does lose Brownie points for singing with a faux American accent.

The first of the bands took over from this point with Jenny Went Away from Birmingham. The group is made up of Rhiannon Davies on percussion, ukelele and just about anything else she feels like doing, Jenny Bulcraig on guitar and vocals and Jen Waghorn on

fiddle and vocals. They came out with all guns blazing and never really let up for the whole of their set and one of their liveliest was Dancing Tree.

The second of the trio of trios was Driftwood Store with Katharine Griffiths on fiddle and vocals, Che Cartwright on guitar, harmonica and lead vocals and Ellie Chambers who has one of the most gorgeous voices.

They opened with the traditional and also much-covered Blacksmith and straight away it was clear they blend together with such harmony and this was also apparent with Darling I'm Cold where they combined to make a glorious sound.

The last of the trios was High Horses who, not least because of their mandolin player Adam Heath, have a very distinctive look and style, reminiscent of Jethro Tull and McGuinness Flint. They haven't integrated the full rock sound and haven't left behind the traditional folk either.

As a showcase for new Midlands folk talent and as a first effort in organising the event, Faye Brookes should be justly proud – now at the very least it should become an annual event.

Danny Farragher



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Help with changes to Housing Benefit

Working-age people living in social housing now receive Housing Benefit based on the number of people in their household and the size of their accommodation. **Pensioners are not affected by this change.**

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What's On!

REVIEW

Priscilla Queen of the Desert: The Musical, Grand Theatre

TWO drag queens and a transsexual on a road trip across the Aussie outback might not sound a promising subject matter for a musical but Priscilla is a sensational feel-good show.

Packed full of disco classics and featuring the most flamboyant and bizarre frocks you will ever see, this version of a cult movie has been a hit Down Under and in the West End.

Star of the show Jason Donovan hasn't joined this leg of the tour but he has a capable replacement in ex-Hear 'Say singer Noel Sullivan as Tick, the female impersonator whose secret reason for carting his drag act from Sydney to Alice Springs is that he has a son who wants to meet him.

The terrific trio are completed by Richard Grieve (Aussie TV credentials include the essential Neighbours and Home and Away) as elegant transsexual Bernadette, with waspish tongue and warm heart, and Graham Weaver as the impulsive flirt Adam who wants nothing more than to sing a Kylie medley in full showgirl costume on the top of Ayer's Rock. Of course, all their dreams come true but they have to face homophobic hostility.

There is some strong language and lots of innuendo but this is a good natured show which got the Grand audience out of their seats to boogie along. Priscilla continues until Saturday.

LEON BURAKOWSKI

Hercule Poirot returning to solve a mystery at the Grand

Prog rock legends are back

ONE of the great rock drummers, Carl Palmer, will be playing the progressive rock highlights from his time with 70s supergroup Emerson Lake & Palmer at Birmingham Town Hall on February 20.

ELP are no more but Palmer will be joined by virtuoso players Paul Bielawicz on guitar and Simon Fitzpatrick bass.

Several rock legends are returning in early 2014. Very Easy Very Umbie outfit Uriah Heep, featuring guitarist Mick Box, are at Bilston's Robin 2 on February 8. Martin Turner's Wishbone Ash play the same venue on February 12. American prog rockers Dream Theater are at Wolverhampton Civic Hall on February 15. On March 10 Camel perform their classic Snow Goose album at Birmingham Town Hall.



Fanfare for a great rock drummer – Carl Palmer will be celebrating the music of ELP

BELGIAN detective Hercule Poirot may have tackled his last case on screen in the form of actor David Suchet but Agatha Christie's fastidious sleuth is back on stage at Wolverhampton Grand Theatre – in the form of former Jesus of Nazareth star Robert Powell.

Poirot is set to get "the little grey cells" working in Black Coffee, Dame Agatha's first play and the latest production from The Agatha Christie Company, whose previous productions at the Grand include Go Back For Murder in 2013, Murder On The Nile in 2012 and Verdict in 2011.

Robert Powell received multiple awards for his portrayal of Jesus in Franco Zeffirelli's Jesus of Nazareth and went on to star in numerous films including The 39 Steps.

He will be joined by Liza Goddard, from Bergerac and the long-running Give Us A Clue, former Peak Practice doctor Gary Mavers and Ben Nealon from Soldier Soldier.

Black Coffee is a quintessential English country estate whodunnit with Poirot investigating the murder of an eccentric inventor.

It will be staged at the Grand from Monday to Saturday, after the final performances of Aussie musical Priscilla Queen of the Desert.



Robert Powell as Poirot

David Essex rolls up his sleeves to join The Dishwashers at Birmingham Rep from tomorrow to February 15. Musical revival Seven Brides For Seven Brothers is at Birmingham New Alexandra Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

NME tour heads for O2 Academy

THE 2014 NME award tour features a four band line-up, headlined by New York group Interpol, at Birmingham's O2 Academy on March 25.

Joining the influential US outfit will be three British bands. Temples are at the forefront of the psychedelic pop revival and the Kettering outfit have a new album out next month. Royal Blood are a powerhouse noise-rock duo from Brighton and Liverpool's Circa Waves are a thrilling young band in the tradition of the Arctic Monkeys.

Du Beke dances into the spotlight

STRICTLY Come Dancing's Anton Du Beke gets his chance to shine with special guests, West End star Summer Strallen and Burn The Floor's Faye Huddlestone, during two shows in Birmingham.

The ballroom dancer will be joined by Strictly singer Lance Ellington and a big band at the Symphony Hall on February 8 and 9.

Sounds of soul

SOUL DJs Ian Gee, David Rimmer and Little Scotty are among the line-up taking Northern Soul fans back to the days of the Wigan Casino at Dudley Town Hall on Saturday from 8pm until late. R&B band Soul Survivor are at the same venue on February 8.

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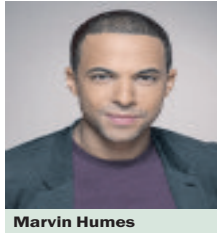
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CHOICE



Marvin Humes

The Voice UK BBC1, 7.10pm
A clever spin on so many talent shows, the blind auditions have been a delight, as they always are, not least because of the banter between the judges. But Kylie admits this round is rather daunting, explaining: "They were really nerve-wracking as to when you should press the button. So many things were going through my mind." Of course, now that Celebrity Big Brother has crowned its winner, Emma Willis can devote all her time to the Beeb's baby, and she's joined backstage as always by Marvin Humes either consoling the losers or rejoicing with the chosen few.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30 Food & Drink.** (R) **12.00 Football Focus. 12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.** **1.15 Bargain Hunt.** (R) **2.00 Live Six Nations Rugby Union. 4.30 Live Six Nations Rugby Union.**
6.55 BBC News: Regional News: Weather.
7.10 The Voice UK. The fourth round of the chair-spinning singing contest, with coaches Kylie Minogue, Tom Jones, Will.i.am and Ricky Wilson aiming to bolster their teams.
8.30 The National Lottery: Who Dares Wins. Nick Knowles hosts the game show in which two pairs of strangers list as much as they know about given subjects. Including the Lotto and Thunderball draws, with Kate Garraway.
9.20 Casualty. Rita helps a rape victim gain the courage to press charges, while Zoe treats an eccentric veteran dancer with a confession to make.
10.10 BBC News: Weather.
10.30 Match of the Day. Gary Lineker presents highlights of the latest Premier League clashes, which included Newcastle United v Sunderland and Stoke City v Manchester United; National Lottery Update.
11.55 The Football League Show. Manish Bhasin presents highlights and all the goals from today's fixtures in the Championship, League One and League Two, including Queens Park Rangers v Burnley at Loftus Road.
1.15 Weatherview. 1.20 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. 6.35 Film: Enchanted April. (1935) **7.40 Film: The Maggie.** (1954) **9.10 Life on Earth.** (R) **10.05 Life on Earth.** (R) **11.00 Fred Dibnah's Made in Britain.** (R) **11.30 Great British Railway Journeys.** (R) **12.00 The A to Z of TV Cooking. 12.45 The Good Cook.** (R) **1.15 The Big Bread Experiment.** (R) **2.15 Film: Anchors Aweigh.** (1945) **4.30 Final Score. 5.15 Coast.** (R)
6.00 Vultures: Beauty in the Beast – Natural World. (R)
7.00 Flog It! Kate Bliss and David Fletcher offer advice on antiques in Wiltshire, while Paul Martin investigates the UFO sightings reported in the town in the 1960s and 70s.
8.00 Dad's Army. Captain Mainwaring's men acquire a boat, planning to use it for coastal patrols, but they get lost in fog and believe they have crossed the Channel when they finally reach dry land. (R)
8.30 QI XL. Stephen Fry presents an extended version of the quiz, and poses some unusual questions about jelly, jam and juice to Jo Brand, Liza Tarbuck, Sue Perkins and Alan Davies.
9.15 Film: Made in Dagenham. (2010) The female employees of a 1960s British car firm lead a national strike, demanding the right to equal pay. Fact-based comedy drama, starring Sally Hawkins and Miranda Richardson.
11.00 Live Davis Cup Tennis. USA v Great Britain.
1.00 Film: Comfort and Joy. (1984) **2.40 This Is BBC Two.**

ITV

6.00 CITV: Pat & Stan. 6.10 Pat & Stan. (R) **6.20 Pat & Stan.** (R) **6.25 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.40 Dino Dan.** (R) **6.50 Animals.** (R) **7.00 Animals.** (R) **7.05 Animals.** (R) **7.10 Om Nom Stories.** (R) **7.15 Sooty.** (R) **7.30 Scrambled!** **9.25 ITV News. 9.30 Dinner Date.** (R) **10.30 Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **11.30 ITV News: Weather. 11.45 The Crocodile Hunter Diaries.** (R) **12.40 Film: Charade.** (1963) **2.50 Midsomer Murders.** (R) **4.50 Film: Johnny English.** (2003)
6.25 Regional Programme: Weather.
6.35 ITV News: Weather.
6.50 Splash! Perri Kiely, Michaela Strachan, Keith Duffy and Danielle Lloyd don their swimwear once more to perform two dives each in the first semi-final. Vernon Kay and Gabby Logan present.
8.20 Take Me Out. A Manchester football coach, a Surrey student, a carpet cleaner from Glasgow and a plumber from Bognor Regis try to impress a panel of single women. Paddy McGuinness presents.
9.35 The Jonathan Ross Show. Taken star Liam Neeson talks about his new action thriller Non-Stop and Peter Andre discusses the latest addition to his family.
10.35 ITV News: Weather.
10.50 Film: Bloody Sunday. (2002) Fact-based drama recalling the events when British soldiers opened fire on a parade in Londonderry in 1972, killing 13 unarmed civilians. With James Nesbitt.
12.55 Jackpot247. 3.00 Ladette to Lady. Australia. (R) **3.45 ITV Nightscreen.**

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) **6.35 The Hoobs.** (R) **7.30 Trans World Sport. 8.00 The Morning Line. 9.00 Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **9.30 Frasier.** (R) **10.00 The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **10.30 The Big Bang Theory. 11.00 How I Met Your Mother. 11.30 How I Met Your Mother. 12.00 The Simpsons.** (R) **12.35 Undercover Boss USA.** (R) **1.30 Channel 4 Racing. 3.55 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **4.25 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.00 Come Dine with Me.** (R) **5.25 Come Dine with Me.** (R)
6.00 Come Dine with Me. Russell Stubbs hosts the final party in Greve and Nantwich, Cheshire. (R)
6.30 Channel 4 News.
7.00 Speed with Guy Martin. The racing fan builds a prototype toboggan and heads to the Pyrenees, where he attempts to break the record for the world's fastest gravity-powered sled. Last in the series. (R)
8.00 Bigfoot Files. Mark Evans travels to America's Pacific Northwest to meet people who claim to have come face to face with a sasquatch, and Bryan Sykes reveals the results of his DNA tests. (R)
9.00 Hostages. Ellen and Brian come up with an escape plan, while Duncan's wife Nina tells him she wants to stop her grueling chemotherapy treatment.
10.00 Film: Priest. (2011) Premiere. Fantasy thriller, starring Paul Bettany.
11.45 Film: 28 Weeks Later. (2007) Horror sequel, starring Robert Carlyle.
1.30 Film: Street Kings. (2008) **3.15 Hollyoaks.** (R) **5.15 Deal or No Deal.** (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Film: Bewitched. (2005) **12.00 Film: Blue Streak.** (1999) **1.45 Diagnosis Murder.** (R) **2.45 Film: Columbo: Make Me a Perfect Murder.** (1978) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **4.45 Film: Columbo: A Friend in Deed.** (1974)
6.40 5 News Weekend.
6.45 NCIS. McGee tries to help his sister, who believes she may have murdered someone – but is too traumatised and disorientated to remember exactly what happened. Drama, starring Sean Murray. (R)
7.35 NCIS. Two FBI agents try to seize control of the team's investigation into the discovery of a perfectly preserved body hidden in a chimney at a Marine base. (R)
8.30 The NCIS Movie: War on Terror. Feature-length episode. Gibbs and the team are called in to help identify US marines among the wreckage of a military aircraft transporting their bodies back home.
10.10 Film: The Contract. (2006) A retired cop stumbles across a fugitive in the woods and tries to return him to custody, but the criminal's henchmen intervene. Thriller, starring John Cusack and Morgan Freeman. Edited to remove product placement.
12.10 SuperCasino. 3.05 Botched Up Bodies. (R) **4.00 Wildlife SOS.** (R) **4.25 Make It Big.** (R) **4.50 The Funky Valley Show.** (R) **5.00 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.05 Hana's Helpline.** (R) **5.20 Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.25 The Funky Valley Show.** (R) **5.40 Hana's Helpline.** (R)

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 Top Gear. Richard Hammond drives two Lamborghini in Italy. **8.00 Live Davis Cup Tennis.** USA v Great Britain. **11.00 Family Guy**
BBC Four
7.00 Wild China. 8.00 Pain, Pus & Poison: The Search for Modern Medicines. 9.00 The Bridge. 11.00 The Joy of Abba
ITV2
2.35 Film: Peter Pan (2003) **4.45 You've Been Framed! 5.45 You've Been Framed! Kids Special 6.50 Film: Miss Congeniality** (2000) **9.00 Film: Quantum of Solace** (2008) **11.10 The Magulif Weekender**
ITV3
2.25 Film: Summer Holiday (1963) **4.40 Inspector Morse 7.00 Rosemary & Thyme 8.00 Doc Martin 9.00 Vera 11.00 A Touch of Frost**
Drama
3.10 Cadfael 4.40 One Foot in the Grave 6.00 All Creatures Great and Small 7.00 Young James Herriot 8.20 Last of the Summer Wine 9.00 Waking the Dead 11.50 Sharpe
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4.00 The Jump 5.00 Marvel's Agents of SHIELD 6.00 How I Met Your Mother 7.00 The Big Bang Theory 8.00 The Tomorrow People 9.00 Film: John Tucker Must Die (2006) **10.50 Rude Tube: Heroes and Villains 11.50 The Midnight Beast**
Film4
3.10 Nacho Libre (2006) **4.55 The Thirty-Nine Steps** (1959) **6.45 A Good Year** (2006) **9.00 Shooter** (2007) Action thriller, starring Mark Wahlberg. **11.25 The Fourth Kind** (2009)

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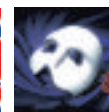
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What's On!

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SUNDAY'S TV 2.02.14

CHOICE



James May

Top Gear BBC2, 8pm

After a few repeats, the good news is Top Gear is now back for a new run, and in episode one Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May try to prove that hot hatches from their youth are better than today's equivalents. The inaugural road trip of 2014 sees the trio tackling a hill climb and a visit to a supermarket. Clarkson is in a Volkswagen Golf GTI; Hammond has a Vauxhall Nova Sri, and May is driving a Ford Fiesta XR2i. Having completed their initial challenges, they wind up at a Welsh army training ground where they take on the Top Gear Police Department.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. (R) **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** The Big Questions. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. **1.45** The Indian Doctor. (R) **2.30** Six Nations Rugby Union. **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather.

6.00 **Fake or Fortune?** Fiona Bruce and Philip Mould try to prove a painting is by modern master Marc Chagall, travelling to Belarus and Los Angeles in their search for clues.

7.00 **Countryside.** Worcestershire is the setting as Matt Baker visits Witely Court estate, Helen Skelton explores Wyre Forest and Jules Hudson hears about the upkeep of the Severn Valley Railway. Including Weather for the Week Ahead.

8.00 **Call the Midwife.** Sister Julienne puts her reputation on the line to prevent a pregnant convict having her baby taken away by social services. A routine check-up leads to heartache for Shelia.

9.00 **The Musketeers.** The soldiers are sent to arrest a crooked merchant trader.

10.00 **BBC News;** Regional News; Weather.

10.25 **A Tribute to Roger Lloyd Pack.** A celebration of the life of the comedy actor.

10.35 **Only Fools and Horses.** (R) **11.10** **Who Do You Think You Are?** USA.

11.50 **Film: Breaking and Entering.** (2006) Drama, with Jude Law and Juliette Binoche.

1.45 **Weather.** **1.50** **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.00 This Is BBC Two. **6.05** **Film: The Whip Hand.** (1951) **7.25** **Film: I'm All Right Jack.** (1959) **9.10** **Countryside.** (R) **10.05** **Saturday Kitchen Best Bites.** **11.35** **The A to Z of TV Cooking.** **12.20** **The Good Cook.** (R) **12.50** **The Good Cook.** (R) **1.20** **Film: Funny Girl.** (1968) **3.45** **Escape to the Country.** (R) **4.45** **Inspire: The Olympic Journey.** Monthly magazine series presented by Gabby Logan. (R) **5.15** **Ski Sunday.**

6.00 **Dan Snow's History of the Winter Olympics.** Historian Dan Snow looks back at 90 years of the Winter Olympics, examining the impact on the Games of the political upheaval during the 20th and 21st centuries. (R)

7.00 **Flog It!** Kate Bateman and Adam Partridge value items in the spa town of Malvern, Worcestershire, including a stereoscope and a painting by renowned artist Robert Lenkiewicz. (R)

8.00 **Top Gear.** New series. Jeremy Clarkson, Richard Hammond and James May try to prove older hot hatches are better than today's equivalents. Hugh Bonneville drives the Reasonably Priced Car.

9.00 **Dragons' Den.** A former Team GB triathlete pitches an innovative sports recovery drink and a London-based businessman raises some eyebrows with his bespoke male contraceptive.

10.00 **The Route Masters: Running London's Roads.** Last in the series.

11.00 **Live Davis Cup Tennis.** **1.00** **Sign Zone: Countryside.** (R) **2.00** **Holly City.** (R) **2.55** This Is BBC Two.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Pat & Stan. **6.10** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.20** Pat & Stan. (R) **6.25** Dingo Dan. (R) **6.40** Dingo Dan. (R) **6.50** **Catimals.** (R) **7.00** **Catimals.** (R) **7.05** **Catimals.** (R) **7.10** **Om Nom Stories.** (R) **7.15** **Sooty.** (R) **7.30** **Scrabbled.** **9.25** **Dickinson's Real Deal.** (R) **10.20** **Murder, She Wrote.** (R) **11.20** **ITV News: Weather.** **11.25** **Inside the National Trust.** **12.25** **The Crocodile Hunter Diaries.** (R) **1.25** **Catchphrase.** (R) **2.10** **Splash!** (R) **3.40** **Film: Goldfinger.** (1964) **5.50** **Regional Programme.** Weather.

6.00 **ITV News: Weather.**

6.15 **Dancing on Ice.** The eight remaining stars are paired off in "The Duel" to impress the panel, and the loser in each battle skates again in a self-choreographed number, this time for viewers' votes. The results are at 8.30pm.

7.45 **All Star Family Fortunes.** With Benidorm's Janine Duvitski.

8.30 **Dancing on Ice: The Skate Off.** One celebrity hangs up their skates for good.

9.00 **Mr Selfridge.** Loxley promises Harry he can get Winston Churchill to open the exhibition. Lady Mae discovers the dire state of her husband's finances and Rose finds Gordon's racy photo collection.

10.00 **ITV News at Ten: Weather.** **10.15** **Birds of a Feather.** (R) **10.45** **Piers Morgan's Life Stories: Martin Kemp.** The actor and musician looks back over his life and career. (R)

11.45 **Anglo-Welsh Cup Rugby Union.**

12.40 **The Store.** **2.45** **The Jeremy Kyle Show USA.** (R) **4.05** **ITV Nightscreen.** **5.05** **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** (R)

CHANNEL 4

6.10 **The Hoobs.** (R) **6.35** **The Hoobs.** (R) **7.00** **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R) **7.25** **Fraser.** (R) **7.55** **Fraser.** (R) **8.25** **The Taste.** (R) **9.30** **Sunday Brunch.** **12.30** **The Big Bang Theory.** **1.00** **The Big Bang Theory.** (R) **1.25** **How I Met Your Mother.** **1.55** **How I Met Your Mother.** **2.25** **The Simpsons.** (R) **2.55** **The Simpsons.** (R) **3.30** **Film: Eragon.** (2006) Fantasy adventure, starring Ed Speleers. **5.30** **Deal or No Deal.**

6.30 **Channel 4 News.**

7.00 **Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast.** Jamie Oliver presents two shellfish recipes. Jimmy Doherty prepares his own character and guest Kirstie Allsopp rustles up Indian street food. Plus, a long-forgotten Sussex drink. (R)

8.00 **Scandinavia.** New series. Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall explores the attractions and culture of Scandinavia, starting his adventure in Sweden, where he meets Abba's Bjorn Ulvaeus.

9.00 **The Jump.** After weeks of training, the remaining stars reach the semi-final and the pressure is on to avoid the last ski jump before the finale. Davina McCall and Alex Brooker present.

10.30 **The Super Bowl: American Football Live.** Denver Broncos v Seattle Seahawks (Kick-off 11.25pm).

Coverage of the showpiece event at the MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey, as the AFC and NFC champions clash.

3.00 **According to Jim.** **3.45** **Phil Spencer: Secret Agent.** (R) **4.40** **River Cottage Bites.** (R) **4.50** **Deal or No Deal.** (R) **5.45** **Baking Mad** with Eric Lanlard. (R)

CHANNEL 5

6.00 **Milkshake!** Peppa Pig. **6.05** **Roary the Racing Car.** (R) **6.15** **Fill and the Flowerets.** (R) **6.25** **Bubble Guppies.** (R) **6.35** **The Mr Men Show.** (R) **6.50** **Chloe's Closet.** (R) **7.00** **Rooibarb and Custard Too.** (R) **7.10** **Bananas in Pajamas.** (R) **7.25** **Make Way for Noddy.** (R) **7.35** **Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures.** (R) **7.40** **City of Friends.** (R) **7.55** **Little Princess.** (R) **8.05** **Only the Little White Van.** (R) **8.10** **The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky.** (R) **8.25** **Angelina Ballerina.** (R) **8.40** **Rupert Bear.** (R) **8.55** **Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom.** (R) **9.05** **Milkshake!** Monkey. (R) **9.15** **Jelly Jamm.** (R) **9.30** **LazyTown.** (R) **10.00** **Power Rangers: Super Samurai.** (R) **10.35** **Power Rangers: Megaforce.** (R) **11.00** **Access.** **11.10** **Building the London Underground.** (R) **12.10** **Ice Road Truckers.** (R) **1.10** **Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild.** (R) **2.10** **Police Interceptors.** (R) **3.10** **Film: Dr Doolittle 2.** (2001) **4.50** **Film: Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory.** (1971)

6.55 **5 News.**

7.00 **Film: Arachnophobia.** (1990) A doctor with a fear of spiders discovers his small Californian town is infested with a horde of deadly venomous arachnids. Comedy horror, starring Jeff Daniels and John Goodman. Edited for language.

9.00 **Film: Drag Me to Hell.** (2009) Horror, starring Alison Lohman.

10.55 **Film: The Matrix.** (1999) Sci-fi action thriller, starring Keanu Reeves.

1.35 **SuperCasino.** **3.05** **Gibraltar: Britain in the Sun.** (R) **4.50** **Wildlife SOS.** (R) **4.25** **Make It Big.** (R) **4.50** **The Funky Valley Show.** (R) **5.00** **Angels of Jarm.** (R) **5.10** **Hana's Helpline.** **5.20** **Angels of Jarm.**

DIGITAL

BBC Three
7.00 **The Voice UK.** The fourth round of the chair-spinning singing contest. **8.15** **Live Davis Cup Tennis.** USA v Great Britain. **11.05** **Family Guy.** **11.45** **Uncle**

BBC Four
7.00 **Francesco's Italy Top to Toe**

8.00 **Hidden Histories.** Britain's Oldest Family Businesses **9.00** **Film: The Skin I Live In** (2011) **10.50** **These Four Walls** **11.50** **Blondie: One Way or Another**

ITV2
3.05 **Film: Dennis** (1993) **4.55** **Film: Despicable Me** (2010) **6.50** **Film: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor** (2008) **9.00** **The Magaldi Weekend** **10.00** **Film: The Faculty** (1998)

ITV3
2.25 **Agatha Christie's Marple** **4.35** **Lewis** **6.45** **Agatha Christie's Poirot** **9.00** **Les Dawson: An Audience With That Never Was** **10.00** **Film: Steptoe and Son** (1972)

Drama
3.30 **Catherine Cookson's The Gambling Man** **5.30** **A Bit of a Do** **6.40** **Monarch of the Glen** **7.50** **Lovely 9.00** **Gadfael** **10.30** **Jonathan Creek** **11.50** **A Bit of a Do**

E4
3.30 **How I Met Your Mother** **4.00** **Martina's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D.** **5.00** **The Tomorrow People** **6.00** **Brooklyn Nine-Nine** **6.30** **The Big Bang Theory** **8.00** **Film: The Addams Family** (1991)

0.00 **Rude Tube** **11.00** **5 Out of 10 Cats**

Film4
3.10 **Ramona and Beazus** (2010) **5.10** **Home Alone** (1990) **7.15** **The Man** (2005) **8.55** **Black Swan** **Interview Special** **9.00** **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy** (2011) **11.25** **Lucky Number Slevin** (2006)

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What's On!

Film Choices

MONDAY

Mickey Blue Eyes, ITV, 10.35pm

A strait-laced Englishman falls for a New York mobster's daughter, who wants to escape her family's criminal connections. However, try as he may, he realises there is virtually no way to avoid being drawn into its members' illegal activities. Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant and Jeanne Tripplehorn. (1999)

There's Something About Mary, Channel 4, 11.35pm

A lovelorn man hires a sleazy private eye to track down his high-school sweetheart in the hope of rekindling their brief relationship. By unfortunate coincidence, the detective also falls for her, and then it emerges there are even more men out there competing for her affections. Comedy from the Farrelly brothers, starring Cameron Diaz, Ben Stiller and Lee Evans. (1998)

TUESDAY

Away from Her, BBC1, 11.20pm

An elderly woman with Alzheimer's disease is adamant she will move into a care home to spare her husband of 50 years the burden of looking after her. Sadly, this leaves him in the heartbreaking position of having to watch helplessly as his beloved wife slips away from him. Drama, based on a short story by Alice Munro, starring Gordon Pinsent, Julie Christie, Olympia Dukakis and Alberta Watson. (2006)



The Matador, Wednesday, BBC1, 11.35pm

WEDNESDAY

The Matador, BBC1, 11.35pm

A lonely, burnt-out assassin strikes up an unlikely friendship with a down-on-his-luck businessman he meets in a Mexican bar. However, as the hitman's personal crises interfere with his work, he is forced to turn to his new friend to help him carry out a killing. Black comedy, starring Pierce Brosnan. (2005)

THURSDAY

McBride: The Doctor Is Out, Really Out, Channel 5, 3.15pm

The crusading lawyer takes on a custody case, only for his client to later confess to having murdered the psychiatrist who testified against him. However, when McBride shows up at the doctor's house, the body is nowhere to be found. Mystery directed by and starring John Larroquette, with Marta DuBois. (2005)

FRIDAY

Passchendaele, BBC2, 11.05pm

A Canadian soldier is injured in battle during the First World War, and falls for a nurse in the hospital. Declared unfit for duty due to ill health, he is reassigned to a recruitment station – but he tricks his way back to the front line to protect the brother of the woman he loves. Drama, directed by and starring Paul Gross. (2008)

Pick of the Week

Family matters to Banks in a troublesome case

Stephen Tompkinson would be wasted behind a desk in a boring nine to five office job.

As an actor, he's proved he's about as versatile as they come. We've seen him on-screen under the guise of a reporter, a priest, a construction worker, a vet and of course, dogged cop DCI Alan Banks, who's back on our screens tonight.

As we launch into another series of this fantastic drama, there's bound to be some tense moments as DS Annie Cabbot (Andrea Lowe) returns from maternity leave.

Banks leads the investigations after a man and woman claiming to be social workers visit a mother and tell her they need to take her son away. However when they don't return the boy, it soon transpires that the pair aren't known by the authorities. Banks pushes DI Morton (Caroline Catz) to get closer to the mother to find out why she might be targeted, but the whole thing's a little close to home for the detective in the face of the problems with her son. Meanwhile,

Annie believes she might have found a credible suspect for the lad's abduction at his school.

With this highly anticipated third series, it sounds like we'll be treated to all the usual gritty murder mysteries from the pen of creator Peter Robinson, as well as a bit of a delve in to Banks' private life, with the introduction of his university dropout daughter, Tracey.

Last series, we learned a little more about Banks' immediate family, as Polly Hemmingsway and Keith Barron were cast as his parents. At the time, Stephen expressed his delight at exploring the Banks character even further, saying: "With the pilot and the first series, we really wanted to establish Banks for the policeman that he is – dogged and determined – and now we've been fortunate enough to add a bit more colour to his background in a personal way."

That they did, and it went down a storm – the second series attracted 4.7million viewers in its first week. Stephen Tompkinson can rest

assured that whatever role he's playing, he's a firm favourite among ITV's loyal viewers.

Among other popular shows including Drop the Dead Donkey, Brassed Off played its part in making Stephen a household name, but it also introduced him to TV and silver-screen legend and good friend, Pete Postlethwaite.

Stephen explains: "I always think of Pete, and it's almost like he's an even bigger influence now. I think about him a lot, especially when working."

"He had such control over his emotions and expressions, so it was always like watching a master class with Pete. He obsessed about the script, he knew he was nowhere without a writer and that's where it all starts from, those are the foundations. I always try and think what would Pete do at this moment?"

"I'm not as good as him, I never will be but I do keep trying and he still remains an inspiration."



Stephen Tompkinson stars in DCI Banks, Monday, ITV, 9pm

Best of the Rest

MONDAY

Britain's Great War BBC1, 9pm

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War, and all thoughts will be with those who lost their lives fighting for our country. But the Beeb's getting its foot in that door early and Jeremy Paxman kicked off this stunning four-part series last week by focusing on the early stages of the conflict. This week, the presenter follows up by describing the crisis facing the country as it became obvious that it was fatally unprepared to fight a modern industrial war. The whole population is enlisted – while women fill the factories to make bombs, men are forced onto the frontline, and conscientious objectors are threatened with the firing squad.

TUESDAY

Celebrity Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? ITV, 8pm

"Is that your final answer?" It's a question that's going to sound poignant this week as Chris Tarrant presents the last-ever episode of Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? After nearly 16 years, this one-time ratings topper is being retired, but at least it's going out in style as celebrity contestants play for their chosen charities. This week's pairing are actor James Nesbitt and hidden camera-man Dom Joly, Olympic cyclist Chris Hoy and comedian Kevin Bridges, and hairy biker Dave Myers and Countdown's Rachel Riley – if the last two in particular sound like an odd pairing, they did both compete against each other on Strictly Come Dancing.

She's 78, He's 39: Age Gap Love Channel 5, 9pm

Caroline Flack came in for a lot of, well, flack when she embarked upon a relationship with a decidedly youthful Harry Styles, but was that 15-year age gap really that shocking in the grand scheme of things? Not if the people in this documentary are anything to go by. They include Marilyn, who met her husband William when she was 45 and he was just 16. The pair's relationship was under pressure from the start, with friends and neighbours pouring scorn – but they've had the last laugh, as they're still going strong now. Other couples are Edna (79) and Simon (39), who met over their mutual love of organ music, Mike (74) and Lindsey (33) who have just had a baby, and 58-year-old Gary, who enjoys clubbing with wife Kate, who's half his age.

WEDNESDAY

Midsomer Murders ITV, 8pm

June Whitfield, Bernard Cribbins, Robert Bathurst and Laila Rouass will be flying high when they guest star in the latest episode of the ever-popular crime drama. They feature in a story involving aeroplanes and military heroes. Barnaby and Nelson are called in to investigate the death of Finchmere Airfield owner Bernard King, and it was no accident – he was hit over the head before being thrown out of a plane flying at

400ft. The policemen have two groups of suspects – one set are from an anti-aircraft campaign, while the others are linked to a tragic Second World War mission. But can they work out who is responsible?

Inside No 9 BBC2, 10pm

Over the next six weeks, Steve Pemberton and Reece Shearsmith present a series of darkly comic tales designed to intrigue and disturb, all set behind the door of a different 'No 9'. Among them is a blood-soaked actor's dressing room in the West End, and the one-bedroom flat of an apparently happy primary school teacher,

but first up is a grand house where an innocent game of Sardines leads to some chilling revelations. Guests arrive at the country pile to celebrate Rebecca and Jeremy's engagement party, but one of the bedrooms contains secrets among some old baggage... Katherine Parkinson and Julian Rhind-Tutt are among the impressive cast of familiar faces.

THURSDAY Inspector George Gently BBC1, 8.30pm

The last series of the crime

drama ended on a particularly shocking note with George Gently (Martin Shaw) and his partner in crime-solving Bacchus (Lee Ingleby) being caught up in a shooting at Durham Cathedral. Now this new run picks up six months later (meaning we've now reached 1969), and finds that while Gently is on his way back to full fitness, Bacchus is suffering from a crisis of confidence as well as a gunshot wound to the stomach. The investigation the duo are handed this week doesn't initially look likely to reignite his enthusiasm for the job either, as they look into the death of Simon Thomas, who died in custody after being arrested during a protest.

FRIDAY Live Winter Olympics Opening Ceremony BBC2, 3.30pm

The build-up to the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, hasn't exactly been awe-inspiring. Instead, there's been controversy due to the country's new laws banning what the government describes as 'gay propaganda'. Hopefully the spectacle on display at this, the 22nd time the event has taken place, will help get rid of the sour taste in some people's mouths. We've certainly been promised an amazing display featuring 2,000 performers who will showcase Russia's culture and achievements, and will conclude with the most important moment of all – the lighting of the Olympic flame, which will burn throughout the games. It certainly could do with a rest – it's spent months travelling around, even making a journey into space at one point. Hazel Irvine narrates the proceedings.

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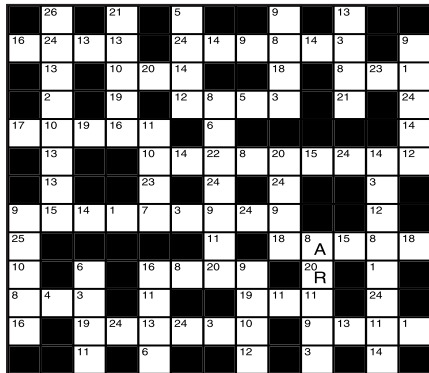
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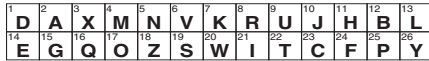
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Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

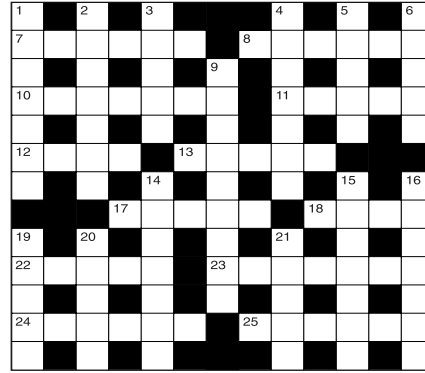
Cryptic Clues:

Across

7. Desert dweller with the French kind of farming (6)
8. A long time after the point of second childhood (6)
10. Mountain chain at the end of the street is unusual (7)
11. In this way the cover is substantial (5)
12. The way one walks to make an entrance, we hear (4)
13. Steer clear of a vacuum (5)
17. Petulant enough to change sides (5)
18. What the wound leaves behind causes endless alarm (4)
22. Could be cited as an authoritative statement (5)
23. Luck brings a great deal of money (7)
24. Rescues about fifty bondmen (6)
25. Southern region near a Greek state (6)

Down

1. An extract taken from 'The Ocean Voyage' (7)
2. Fastener for locks (4-3)
3. Often seen in the heavens, but not quite a heavenly body (5)
4. The pirate has an ill-mannered appearance, we hear (7)
5. Attack southern state fighting on the same side (5)
6. Finds one's way to the western extremities (5)
9. Doesn't continue when the fall has taken place? (6,3)
14. The sort of hood for a monk (7)
15. Get a group of singers, by the sound of it (7)
16. Magazine containing material likely to cause a report (7)
19. Most satisfactory surroundings for a wild animal (5)
20. Cleric taking part in civic arrangements (5)
21. Cuts what farmers produce (5)



Quick Clues:

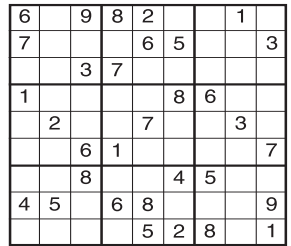
Across

7. Journey (6)
8. Trade by exchange (6)
10. Sailor (7)
11. Artless (5)
12. Observe (4)
13. Bury (5)
17. Lukewarm (5)
18. Sharpen (4)
22. Name (5)
23. Try (7)
24. Mourn (6)
25. Modern (6)

Down

1. Endurance (7)
2. Relate (7)
3. Intended (5)
4. Artist (7)
5. Garret (5)
6. Command (5)
9. Chief (9)
14. Mislead (7)
15. Cry feebly (7)
16. Law (7)
19. Platform (5)
20. Peel (5)
21. Scatter (5)

Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

4	1	6	2	9	5	7	3	8
9	5	2	7	3	8	1	4	6
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1	6	5	2	3	4	9	7	8

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS: CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Muses; 4 Desired; 8 Starter; 9 Grass; 10 Need; 11 Underman; 13 Ties; 14 Stud; 16 Specious; 17 Fare; 20 Agree; 21 Tacile; 22 Demeter; 23 Sheet. Down: 1 Misunderstand; 2 State; 3 Site; 4 Daring; 5 Segments; 6 Reamed; 7 Disengagement; 12 Penitent; 13 Theorem; 15 Cutter; 18 Amine; 19 Acts. QUICK - Across: 1 Appal; 4 Pretend; 8 Look-out; 9 Plaid; 10 Glee; 11 Unwieldy; 13 Bred; 14 Mild; 16 Hygienic; 17 Flag; 20 Agile; 21 Overdue; 22 Sweeten; 23 Dress. Down: 1 At loggerheads; 2 Prove; 3 Lout; 4 Potent; 5 Explicit; 6 Enabled; 7 Daddy-long-legs; 12 Vehement; 13 Beguile; 15 Disown; 18 Ledge; 19 Tend.



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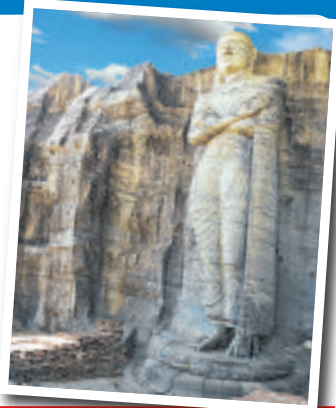
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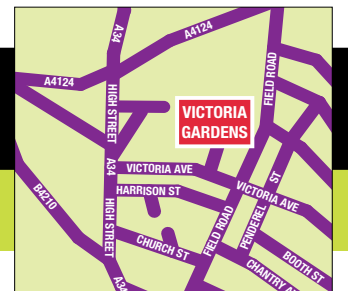
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GUIDE PRICE £80,000 - £90,000

Lot 2 Walhouse Road Walsall

Viewing: 1st & 10th February at 10.30am



A traditionally styled part double glazed semi detached residence set on a prominent corner plot lending itself to extensions (subject to planning approval). In need of some improvement the property offers tremendous scope and needs to be viewed to be appreciated. Set back from the road behind a fore and side garden the property comprises: Fully Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating G.

GUIDE PRICE £100,000 - £120,000

Lot 3 Spring Street Halesowen

Viewing: 8th Feb at 12pm & 17th Feb at 10.30am



A traditionally styled Victorian mid terrace property which has double glazing and central heating (not tested) making an ideal purchase for a first time buyer or investor. Conveniently located, the property comprises:- Front Living Room, Lobby, Dining Room, Rear Lobby, Kitchen, Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Additional Room, Enclosed Yard with Garden beyond. EPC Rating E

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Lot 4 Dash Grove Stoke-On-Trent

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●CASH OFFERS ONLY● A well presented double glazed and centrally heated two bedroom town house situated in a popular location close to local amenities and within easy access of Hanley City Centre and the A500 D Road and the Potteries towns. The accommodation comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating C.

GUIDE PRICE £55,000 - £65,000

Lot 5 Wolverhampton Road Walsall

Viewing: Strictly By Appointment



A traditionally styled gas centrally heated and double glazed semi detached residence that has been extended at ground floor level to now offer well planned spacious accommodation. Conveniently located the property comprises: Fully enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Shower Room, Lounge, Dining/Living Room, Open plan Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore garden, enclosed rear Garden, with large Garage/ Workshop. EPC Rating C.

£85,000 - £95,000

Lot 6 Walsingham Street Walsall

Viewing: 1st & 10th February at 11am



A modern double glazed and centrally heated (not tested) semi detached residence situated in the popular Chucky area of Walsall. In need of some upgrades, the property offers great scope and need to be viewed to appreciate the following: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Area, Kitchen, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Attic Room, Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden. EPC Rating D

£90,000 - £100,000

Lot 7 Station Road Telford

Viewing: Strictly By Appointment



A traditionally styled gas centrally heated (not tested) and double glazed semi detached property set close to the village centre. Offering well planned accommodation ideal for first time buyer or investor the property comprises: Reception Hall, Kitchen, Lounge, Sitting Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore Garden with paved driveway, enclosed private paves rear Garden. EPC Rating D

£100,000 - £120,000

Lot 8 Lysways Street Walsall

Viewing: Strictly By Appointment



This former care home, which has 14 bedrooms, most of which have wash hand basins and some have En-suite facilities, is conveniently located close to Walsall town centre and lends itself to a range of future uses (subject to planning). Formerly three 3 storey Victorian town houses, now all linked together, the property has been extended and has a number of ancillary rooms as well as good sized rear garden. The gas centrally heated accommodation set over three floors comprises: Porch, Entrance Hall, Cellar, Kitchen, Store Office, Bedroom, En-Suite Shower Room, W.C., Bedroom, Lounge, Kitchen, Pantry, Porch, Conservatory, Seven First Floor Bedrooms, Two Bathrooms, Shower Room, Store Cupboard, Store Room, Five Second Floor Bedrooms (Three with En-Suite Bathrooms) Fitted Kitchen, Fore and Rear Gardens.

£320,000 - £340,000

Lot 9 Providence Row Bilston

Viewing: 5th & 12th February at 12.15pm



This traditionally styled freehold semi detached property, will at the time of the auction sale have been fully modernised and will benefit from gas fired central heating and double glazing. Conveniently located in a popular residential area the property comprises: Canopy Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating D

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Lot 10 Oakwood Road Walsall

Viewing: 1st & 10th February at 12.00pm



●CASH OFFERS ONLY● Traditionally styled semi detached property in need of complete modernisation and improvement making an ideal purchase for a builder or investor. The property comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Shower Room (no fittings), Lobby, Extension, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom (no fittings), Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating G

GUIDE PRICE £30,000 - £40,000

Lot 11 Hathersage Road Great Barr

Viewing: 5th Feb at 10.30am & 12th Feb at 2.30pm



A traditional end of terrace property having gas central heating and double glazing and is situated in a popular residential area. Ideally suited to an investor or first time buyer, the property needs slight improvements and comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D.

£80,000 - £90,000

Lot 12 Hednesford Road Cannock

Viewing: 1st & 10th February at 1.30pm



Traditionally styled semi detached property situated in a popular location with the benefit of gas central heating (not tested) and double glazing and whilst in need of some improvements, offers a good opportunity for an investor. The property comprises: Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Rear Lobby, Kitchen, W.C., Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Study, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating F.

£65,000 - £75,000

Lot 13 Princes Avenue Walsall

Viewing: 1st & 10th February at 10am



Occupying a delightful location just off Broadway North, this traditionally styled semi detached property offers much extended gas centrally heated and double glazed accommodation set over three floors. Internal viewing is recommended to appreciate the following accommodation:- Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Utility, Garden Room, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Large Attic Room, Garage, Driveway, Rear Garden. EPC Rating D.

GUIDE PRICE £130,000 - £150,000

Lot 14 Calthorpe Road Walsall

Viewing: 31st Jan at 12pm & 8th Feb at 10.30am



This spacious detached property is situated in one of south Walsall most sought after locations. The property requires certain modernisation but offers tremendous potential for improvement and extension (subject to planning). With gas central heating and upvc double glazing the property includes: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility, Garage, Three Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, Delightful Fore And Rear Gardens. EPC Rating E.

GUIDE PRICE £190,000 - £210,000

Lot 15 Borneo Street Walsall

Viewing: 1st & 10th February at 11.30am



This traditional end terrace residence has undergone some improvement to include double glazing and central heating but still offers scope for further improvement. Situated in the popular Butts area the well planned accommodation comprises:- Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Rear Lobby, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Small Fore Garden, Yard with outbuildings, garden beyond. EPC Rating E.

GUIDE PRICE £65,000 - £75,000

Lot 16 Castle Street Walsall

Viewing: 1st & 10th February at 1pm



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**WILLENHALL
CLOTHIER STREET**

- Impressive newly built three story detached property ● Energy Rating C
- Lounge with dining area ● Fitted kitchen
- Four bedrooms bathroom with shower room
- Gas central heating ● Double glazing
- Rear gardens ● No chain ● Driveway

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EDINBURGH DRIVE**

- Extended modern semi detached bungalow ● Energy Rating B/C
- Popular cul-de-sac location ● Two bedrooms
- Kitchen through lounge ● Dining room
- Double glazing ● Gas central heating
- Large driveway ● Pleasant front and rear gardens ● No chain

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- Traditional semi detached property ● Popular location
- Lounge and dining room ● Kitchen and utility
- 3 bedrooms (currently used as 2) ● Bathroom ● Gas CH
- Energy rating D ● Garage and driveway ● Majority double glazing
- Delightful landscaped rear garden

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**WILLENHALL
TRENTHAM AVENUE**

- Extended End Terrace Property ● Energy Rating E
- Spacious Lounge ● Large Dining Room ● Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating ● Double Glazing
- Driveway & Excellent Size Rear Gardens

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**SUMMER HAYES
CARDIGAN DRIVE**

- Modern style semi detached property ● Requires Modernisation
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- Gas central heating ● Double glazing
- Three good size bedrooms ● Bathroom ● No upward chain

£135,000



**WILLENHALL
TRENTHAM AVENUE**

- Completely renovated semi detached property
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- Three good size bedrooms ● Newly fitted bathroom
- Double glazing ● Gas central heating ● Energy Rating F
- Front and rear gardens ● Driveway ● No chain

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**COPPICE FARM
SANDALWOOD CLOSE**

- Improved Semi Detached ● Popular cul-de-sac location ● Energy Rating 'D'
- Lounge ● Re-fitted Breakfast Kitchen
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- Garage ● Drive ● Pleasant Rear Gardens

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- Double glazing ● Gas central heating
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- Period Mid Terrace Property ● No Upward Chain
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- Gas Central Heating ● Double Glazing
- Rear Gardens ● ENERGY RATING D

£92,000



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- Three Bedrooms ● Re-Fitted Kitchen
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- Modern Style Semi Detached ● Energy rating D
- Lounge ● Dining Kitchen
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- Driveway ● Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating System

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**NEW INVENTION
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- Well Presented Modern Ground Floor Apartment
- Hall ● Lounge ● Fitted Kitchen
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- Bathroom ● Double Glazing ● Energy rating 'B'
- Garage ● Allocated Parking Space

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**WILLENHALL
PACKWOOD CLOSE**

- Superbly appointed modern back to back house
- Open plan lounge and impressive refitted kitchen ● Double bedroom
- Refitted bathroom ● Double glazing ● Gas central heating ● Driveway
- Delightful rear garden with log cabin ● No chain ● Energy Rating 'C'

£89,950



**SUMMER HAYES
FARBRICK WAY**

- Superb Extended Modern Improved Detached Property ● No Upward Chain
- Hall ● Spacious Lounge ● Re-Fitted Dining Kitchen ● Conservatory
- Three Good Size Bedrooms ● Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating ● Majority Double Glazing ● Energy Rating 'E'
- Pleasant Rear Gardens ● Garage ● Utility with WC ● Driveway

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**WILLENHALL
YALE ROAD**

- Superbly Appointed Modern Detached Property
- Spacious Lounge with Dining Area ● Fitted Kitchen ● Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom ● En-Suite Shower Room ● Double Glazing
- Gas Central Heating ● Sitting Room/Dining Room
- Rear Gardens ● Driveway to the Fore ● Energy Rating 'C'

£169,000



**COPPICE FARM
COTSWOLD GROVE**

- Improved Extended Semi Detached Property ● No Chain
- Lounge & Dining Room ● Conservatory ● Breakfast Kitchen ● Utility
- Three Bedrooms ● Bathroom ● En-Suite
- Driveway ● Gardens ● Energy Rating D
- Gas Central Heating ● Double Glazing

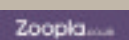
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- Extended Lounge•Off Road Parking
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- Kitchen•Lounge/Diner
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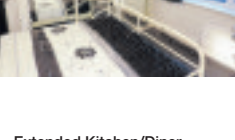
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- Family Bathroom with Separate Shower
- Front & Rear Gardens

£95,000



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HUNTER CRESCENT**

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- Lounge•Diner•Kitchen
- Bathroom•Gardens•Garage•Parking

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- THREE BEDROOM MID-TERRACE
- Double Glazing (Where Specified)
- Entrance Vestibule•Entrance Hall
- Two Reception Rooms•Rear lobby•Kitchen

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**Walsall
WOLVERHAMPTON ROAD**

- Three Bedroom Mid-Terrace
- Two Reception Rooms•Lean To
- Kitchen•Ground Floor Bathroom
- D.Glazing•Gas Heating•Front & Rear Gardens

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TRENT PLACE**

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Motoring

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Nissan Qashqai leading the way

DEMAND for Nissan's award-winning Qashqai, the best-selling Crossover in Europe, helped lift output at the company's Sunderland plant above 500,000 units for the second year in succession.

Nissan's North East Plant, the largest car-assembly facility in the UK, has produced more than one million vehicles in the past two years amid continued investment and new model launches from the site.

Kevin Fitzpatrick, Nissan's vice-president for Manufacturing in the UK, said: "Building over a million cars in two years is a further sign of Nissan's growing brand presence in one of the most competitive markets in Europe."

"Exceeding output of 500,000 units for a second year is an even greater achievement given we combined this high volume whilst also starting production of the all-electric Nissan LEAF at the plant, along with the launch of the new Note, and replacing the most popular car we have ever made with the new generation Qashqai."

In 2013, more than 286,000 of the cars built in Sunderland last year were Nissan Qashqais, now in its eighth year of production. Total Qashqai production in the UK stands at 1,752,232 since 2006.

Production of the new generation Qashqai, which has been named Car of the Year by What Car?, will be marked with a launch event at Sunderland on January 22. "Our workforce continues to set the benchmark for productivity and quality, and I would like to thank and congratulate them

all on reaching this latest milestone," said Fitzpatrick.

The annual production figures of 501,756 follow a year in which Prime Minister David Cameron visited the plant to mark the launch of the Nissan LEAF, and work began on a plant extension to enable production of the Infiniti Q30 from 2015.

Monthly production broke the 50,000 barrier in October for the first time in Nissan's 27-year history of manufacturing in the UK, with eight different model variants built across the calendar year. The year ended with the unveiling of the new generation Qashqai, the embodiment of Nissan's innovation and excitement and the key driver in the company's goal of becoming the top-selling Asian brand in Europe.

Improvement

The new Qashqai, which goes on sale this month, will retain 50 per cent of its value after three years/30,000 miles – a 10 per cent improvement on its predecessor – according to latest data from residual value (RV) setters CAP.

The new £20,840 Qashqai 1.5 dCi Acenta now has an RV of 50 per cent or £10,400 after three years, meaning it is set to retain £2,375 more over its first three years of life compared to its outgoing equivalent.

Not only does this position Qashqai as the C segment diesel Crossover king but also places it ahead of some key hatch rivals such as the Volkswagen Golf. The 1.5 dCi also returns combined fuel consumption of 74.3mpg while emitting just 99g/km CO₂, further reinforcing the business case for fleet drivers. Meanwhile, the new Qashqai 1.2



DIG-T Acenta petrol – priced from just £19,145 – also enjoys a 10 per cent RV increase on the outgoing model, giving a real world RV after three years of £9,575, a £2,800 increase on the outgoing 1.6 Qashqai Acenta.

Helping to contribute to these strong value forecasts is an abundance of leading technology and safety items. Even entry-level Visia models get Bluetooth, cruise control and hill start assist, while top-of-the-range Tekna models boast Safety Shield with Traffic Signal Recognition and High Beam Assist.



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Motoring

New Leon is boosting the figures for SEAT

By Graham Breeze

THE industry has been predicting big things for SEAT and the new Leon has helped the company smash sales figures in the past year. With 45,312 cars registered, SEAT sold 6,514 more cars in 2013 than it did in 2012 – its previous best ever year.

That's a 16.8 per cent improvement and is SEAT's fifth consecutive annual sales rise, giving the company a 2 per cent UK market share.

The success is underpinned by the third generation Leon achieving the model's best sales ever, with 14,302 in 2013 and the news comes in the same week that Leon was named "2013 best family car" by CarBuyer magazine.

The SC is the first ever three-door Leon, following on from last year's relaunch of the revamped five-door, and will be joined early this year by an estate.

It's fashionable these days to brand three door cars as coupes and it's fair to say that the Spaniards have achieved that with the stylish SC FR 1.4TSi on test.

In fact this Leon is completely new with a lower roof and stylish tailgate enhancing the profile and despite being 35mm shorter than it's five-door sister there's ample room inside for four.

Balance

It's difficult to fault the car with a good balance of performance and economy linked to sportiness and comfort, emphasising just why the younger driver is being attracted to the SEAT brand.

Generating 140ps it'll get you from a standstill to 62mph in 8.2 seconds and has a top speed of 131mph while able to keep CO2 emissions down to an impressive 119g/km level. On top of that the test model averaged 54.3mpg.

Being built on the same platform as the Golf means you get good handling and plenty of grip with the FR benefitting from SEAT's Drive Profile Selector – giving a choice of throttle and steering response depending whether you select eco, normal or sport options.

All this is controlled through a neat touch screen system which is the centrepiece of the fascia which is the most disappointing aspect of this newcomer. SEAT have gone for the minimalist approach and it looks boring.

The Leon has generous specification from base level. Every Leon SC comes with air conditioning, sports-shaped front seats, steering wheel mounted audio controls, seven airbags, remote central locking, anti-lock brakes and electronic stability control.

SE trim adds, among other things, 16inch alloy wheels, front fog lights with cornering function, cruise control, leather steering wheel and gear knob, XDS electronic differential lock, and hill hold control.

Top-of-the-range Leon models come wearing SEAT's iconic FR badge, and only the more powerful engines in the line-up qualify. All FR cars get 17-inch alloy wheels, LED rear lights, dual-zone climate control, dark tinted rear windows, and FR-specific front- and rear bumpers.

The Leon also comes with full-LED headlights, which are optional on SE and FR cars providing a powerful light beam that's closer to natural daylight than any other sort of headlamp – a really attractive addition.

SEAT has one of the youngest customer profiles in the business, with an average age of just 38, and the Leon SC so it's little wonder this model is resonating with the company's typical buyers.



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The season-opening event welcomed four and two-wheel world champion and motorsport legend John Surtees (pictured) with a special display of his competition machines from over the years; World Rally Champion Petter Solberg; Le Mans winner Alan McNish; British Touring Car champions Matt Neal and Jason Plato and F1 rookie Max Chilton, who was announced as Marussia's second driver for the 2014 season.

Grid

One of the most popular attractions was the large display of current cars from all the teams competing in the 2013 F1 season laid out as an F1 grid.

Autosport International Show director, Ian France, said: "It has been simply fantastic to have so many champions and distinguished drivers from the world of motorsport at the show, and the huge number of visitors who flocked to the show have been obviously delighted with what has been on display."

Telford company Cobra Seats, of Halesfield, reported a very successful show and managing director Mark Dunsford said: "This was our largest ever stand and we have had over 30 different competition seats on display including the very latest



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Poor form comes to an end for Bloxwich

Bloxwich 5 Redditch 3
BLOXWICH Men's First XI poor run of form came to an exciting and action packed end with a comprehensive win over a strong Redditch hockey team.

Bloxwich started off the game with a positive attitude and pressed directly from the push back.

This paid dividends and some excellent passing movements around the pitch meant Eddie Marrocco (2), Matt Baldwin (2) and Adam Baldwin scored to give Bloxwich a comfortable and commanding 5-0 lead.

Some exceptional saves from Jamie Bayliss meant the team held onto this lead for a large period of the first half but two goals from Redditch meant Bloxwich kept a three-goal cushion going into the second half.

Due to a hailstorm the match was interrupted.

As the match restarted, Redditch managed to score another goal but the three points were always going to be Bloxwich's in a hard-fought and tough encounter.

Drills from training and a good team morale were evident in a Bloxwich performance they hope to replicate this week against Kingswinford.

City given the Blues by Swans

Birmingham 1 Swansea City 2
DISAPPOINTED Blues boss Lee Clark felt his side had missed a big chance to cause an FA Cup upset after a 2-1 home defeat to Swansea.

The Swans' poor recent run looked set to continue when Lee Novak's glancing header gave Birmingham a deserved lead in the fourth-round tie.

But the introduction of Wilfried Bony at the interval changed the game, with the Ivorian scoring twice in three minutes to take his tally to 16 for the season.

Clark praised Bony's contribution but believes his team passed up an opportunity to pull off a repeat of their League Cup success against the Premier League outfit.

Clark also said the decision to omit Nikola Zigic from his matchday squad had been for football reasons. Goalscorer Lee Novak added: "We're disappointed," we didn't get through."

It was little surprise when Swansea fell behind in the 15th minute. Burke whipped in an inviting cross and Novak glanced an excellent header into the net.

Pitmen goal is a sensation

A SPECTACULAR winning goal scored by Hedgesford Town footballer Elliott Durrell has become an internet sensation after a video of it went viral.

The 24-year-old midfielder scored a stunning goal in stoppage time to clinch a 2-1 win for the Pitmen at Bradford Park Avenue.

A YouTube video showing highlights of the Skirrl Conference North game has now been viewed more than 22,000 times with fans from around the world logging on to see Durrell score straight from kick-off. Visit www.expressandstar.com/sport to see the goal.

Notts one of my best results – Smith



Dean Smith – best results

SADDLERS Boss Dean Smith has hailed Walsall's demolition of Notts County as one of his best ever results.

Febian Brandy bagged a hat-trick as the Saddlers dismantled the Magpies 5-1 to underline their promotion credentials on Saturday.

The Saddlers beat Bristol Rovers 6-1 and Hartlepool 5-2 three years ago under Smith and he insisted their Meadow Lane stroll ranks as highly.

"It's up there because of the style of play and the execution of it. It's not just about the chances we created but off the ball we were outstanding," he said.

"There are few times in your man-

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agement career you can go away from home, win 5-1 and be as comfortable as we were. The thing which was more pleasing for me was at 5-0 they were still chasing and wanting to score more. That shows a ruthlessness and a hunger that they want to keep delivering.

"Everyone knew what we could do but everyone has been talking about us being low scorers and that's shot that out of the window. We need to follow it up against Swindon."

The win lifted Walsall to sixth in League One ahead of the Robins' visit

and Smith paid tribute to Brandy after his first-half treble.

He said: "Febian can be whatever he wants to be and I've always said he has matured. I think in all three games defensively he has matured a hell of a lot. He was clinical with all his chances.

"He likes it here, he plays with a smile on his face, he knows all the players and gets on well with all of them."

And despite their rout Smith confirmed he is still chasing a striker and is hopeful of a new recruit.

He added: "There's a possibility. We're negotiating at the moment."



Febian Brandy

Dicko dimension is the decider in Wolves win

Wolves 3 Bristol City 1
WOLVES continue to pedal away furiously just to stand still in a League One promotion race proving elusive and challenging.

Kenny Jackett's team always appeared to have the measure of Bristol City but again stretched the nerves of supporters before finally putting the game to rest with a conclusive third goal 14 minutes from the end.

However, the task of bringing to heel their two direct opponents for automatic promotion, Brentford and Leyton Orient, is proving even more arduous.

Wolves maintained their upwards curve but the two runaway trains ahead of them remain out of reach and still on course to reach their mutual destination ahead of Jackett's outfit.

Jackett introduced a new cast member on Saturday and Nouha Dicko proved a very welcome addition.

Wolves have not had such sharpness and pace in the central striking areas since Dean Sturridge and then Henri Camara, a curious omission but one Jackett has been anxious to resolve.

His and Wolves' first goal, after 10 minutes, certainly avowed for that sharpness as he got in front of his marker and worked sufficient space to surprise Elliott Parish with the sting put into a left-foot finish despite a restricted backlift.

While it didn't get any better than that for Dicko, it didn't get any worse either.

He played a major part in regaining the lead shortly before half-time with another fierce cross which ricocheted in off defender Derrick Williams, could have squeezed a third late on and should surely have had a penalty. All in all, he was the persistent handful inside the area Jackett has been looking for.

Bakary Sako swept in the killer third goal from an

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edge-of-the-area, left-foot drive which eased the tensions of another performance high on the promise of goals but lacking delivery.

Still it is difficult to know what awaits this maddening footballer, part-match winner, part-weakness to the team's overall output.

Although Henry and Jacobs are free to exploit space and opportunity at the top of the pitch, they justify this indulgence with a high work-rate to protect their full-backs.

There was a rare breach in this shape in the 23rd minute when Henry was caught trailing to concede the penalty deposited by Sam Baldock after the Wolves man impeded Greg Cunningham.

But it is a trade-off Wolves will happily accept and, despite his welcome contribution, Sako must remain on the outside looking in.

Unless, of course, his cameo against City indicated a sufficient revival in form to put him in contention for arguably the most important role in the line-up which Jackett now clearly prefers.

Lee Evans was given the 'in between' job supporting Dicko while supplementing midfield and lodged perhaps mixed results – a hand in the first and third goals certainly.

Molineux pays last respects to Bert 'The Cat'



Wolves players pay their respects to the late goalkeeper Bert Williams with displays of gold flowers

TEARS flowed and chants echoed around the ground as an emotional Molineux paid tribute to the great Bert Williams.

Former players and fans turned out to honour the footballing legend who died eight days ago at the age of 93.

A minute's applause was held before Saturday's game against Bristol City, which Wolves won 3-1, in honour of Bert while flowers were laid in his memory.

His family also gathered at Molineux and paid tribute to both the club and the fans, saying the event

had been 'better than anything they had expected'.

The crowd joined in the spirit of the moment by breaking out into chants in his honour before and during the game, with the South Bank singing 'one Bert Williams' and 'England's number one' in reference to the star, who won 24 caps for his country, played 420 times for the club from 1945-57 and won the League title in 1954 and the FA Cup in 1949.

Tributes from a book of condolence, including some from former players such as Matt Murray and Mel

Eves, were read out while other players, past and present, such as Malcolm Finlayson, Ron Flowers, Phil Parkes and Carl Ikeme joined the Williams family pitchside.

Before the game, gold flowers spelling out Bert and The Cat were carried by Wolves keeper Aaron McCarey and Bristol City's Elliott Parish from the halfway line and placed behind the respective goals. Fans will be able to pay their respects to Bert at a memorial service on February 5 at noon at Wolverhampton's St Peter's Collegiate Church.

Aldridge shutout cuts down Brummies

Birmingham Barbarians 0 Aldridge 81

MANAGING at last to field a representative side for the first time in many weeks, Aldridge took no time in overwhelming Birmingham Barbarians in this rearranged league fixture.

A couple of tries in the first five minutes put the visitors firmly in the driving seat and it became one-way traffic from then.

Play was interrupted in the first half by a thunderstorm but there was no respite for the home side when play resumed.

Aldridge gave a dynamic display and although the deteriorating conditions meant not all the passes went to hand there was plenty of ambition and determined ball carrying throughout.

Injuries in the second-half compounded Ba Bas problems as they stuck to their task of trying to stem the blitz but by the end Aldridge had amassed 13 tries with eight conversions.

Centre Nick Yates got a hat-trick. No.8 Chris Balmford and winger Will Durant got a brace apiece and other scorers were Adam Reed, Jacob Holding, John Bromwich, Dan McKenna, Steve Winfield, and Alex Holding. The eight conversions were by Alex Yates.

Villa Colts get share of the points

Lichfield & Walsall District Football Club League One

Pelsall Villa Colts 1 Burntwood Star 1

League Two

Duke of Wellington 1 Green Rock Tavern 4; Paradise FC 0 Ros Park 3

League Three

Turnpike 3 Hussey Arms 7

League Four

Dosthill Rangers 3 Bowman FC 0

Lichfield Challenge Cup Round Two

Trident 1 Erdington Star 2; Wych Elm FC 1 Pelsall Villa FC 7

Danny Donovan Cup Round One

Stonnall FC 1 AC Lions 2

Ricky Harrison Trophy

Cellar Door 4 Eximius Warriors 1

League Trophy Group A

Boatmans Rest 2 Longdon Chet 2

Challenge to high earners

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Champion Ben pulls out a convincing victory



Benjamin Whittaker has eased his way through

NATIONAL champion Benjamin Whittaker eased into the first national stages of the England Youth Championships with another convincing win in the West Midlands final, writes **Craig Birch**.

Pleck Boxing Club's James Beech joined him in the next phase after the area decider at the Irish Centre in Digbeth yesterday afternoon.

In Class A, for boxers born in 1995, Beech boxed well at 56kg to see off Reece Smith, from the Tom Lowe club in Stoke-on-Trent.

Beech kept it nice and compact and worked well on

the inside, mainly connecting with the over-hand right to record a unanimous points victory.

At 64kg, Wednesday's Kyle Shirley was seen off by Connor Benson, from his grandfather Pat's club in Birmingham.

Shirley tried to box tight at close range but Benson worked well a short, middle and long range to record a deserved unanimous win.

At 69kg, Whittaker came up against an aggressive foe in Ryan Toother, from Exhall in Coventry, but it was all business from the National Ambition title holder.

Toother operates as a pint-sized body puncher who bangs away, but Whittaker used his height and jab to negate his rival's skills, while commanding the centre of the ring to roll home unanimously.

In Class B, for fighters born in 1996, Lee Gunter set his stall out to box through Dylan Brassington and managed to go the distance with the Shropshire puncher at 60kg.

Gunter, from Right Stuff in Stafford, initially kept him at bay but punch power told as Brassington wore him down and, while not blasting him out, did enough damage to

secure a majority decision.

Walsall Wood's Shaun Cooper was disqualified 30 seconds from the end of a bout he was winning against Nathan Cooke, from Triumph in Coventry, at 64kg.

Cooper gave away several inches to his opponent and was eventually thrown out for ducking down low, after the third warning.

Cooke had been reprimanded once for pushing.

The referee had also been struck accidentally by Cooper, was a wayward blow landed on the man in the middle, as both fighters were ordered to break.

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Jackett's challenge for high paid stars

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Sako made a scoring return off the bench in Saturday's 3-1 win against Bristol City but the best the rest can hope for is a place among the substitutes.

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"It's part of football life, which dictates you lose your place sometimes.

"It happens during a career, and it's then down to how you use the disappointment or anger as a fuel to make sure you get back in the side playing well."

Jackett hasn't closed the door on the out-of-favour group. "They've all done it before - that's how they got into the team in the first place."

Game gets postponed

THE wet weather in Worcestershire and right across the West Midlands meant that Walsall's Midlands One West game at Malvern last weekend, had to be postponed.

The fixture will now be played this Saturday - but of course again weather permitting.

This unexpected 'week off', gave an opportunity for some of the Walsall players to recover from injury.

It is hoped that Matt Wood, Max Hughes, Daniel Simpson, Luke Pittaway and Roger Weston will all be back to full fitness after recent injuries.

Weston, in particular will be keen to maintain his position as the league's leading points scorer.

He will also be keen to contribute to Walsall's continued battle for the play-off position in their league.

Let's go all out for promotion push, says Febian

HAT-TRICK hero Febian Brandy insists Walsall can target automatic promotion after their five star romp at Notts County.

The striker hit the first senior treble of his career as the Saddlers demolished the Magpies 5-1 on Saturday.

They moved back into the League One play-off spots and were 12 points behind the top two before Tuesday's visit of Swindon.

And Brandy believes the Saddlers should aim to chase down Brentford and Leyton Orient at the top.

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"Why not? Anything is possible," he said, with Walsall now sixth.

"Last season we didn't win a game for 17 games and just missed out on the play offs but there are 20 games left now and I think if we can go on a run we can do it.

"Look at Brentford, they have won 15 out of 18 so it's possible. Everyone's going to think about Walsall now. From last season we've set the platform of what's capable, what we can do, and teams are starting to notice us now."

Brandy struck a first-half treble as Walsall scored five goals or more away from home for the first time since 1997. Andy Butler and Craig Westcarr netted early in the second half and the Saddlers also squandered several fine chances to add to their lead.

And Brandy admitted his first senior hat-trick was worth the wait as he netted his first goals since returning on loan from Sheffield United this month.

"It's been too long but it's well worth the wait, it's good to get a hat-trick at any level," he said.

"I don't know how I feel yet, it's still sinking in. It felt good but I'm just glad to get the three points. It doesn't take any pressure off me after coming back though. If the team is doing well and we get three points and I don't score it's OK but on an individual basis anyone would like to get goals.

"The fans were a little edgy with me leaving but that's part of football and I expected that from them

"Since I've come back the fans have supported me well and I'm glad I got a hat-trick to repay them."

Anelka is in squad, says Mel

PEPE MEL insists Nicolas Anelka will stay in his Albion side as Stephane Sessegnon underwent surgery that will rule him out for a month.

Mel rubbished talk of an Anelka exit after the veteran striker insisted he plans to stay at The Hawthorns despite a looming FA hearing over his controversial quennelle celebration.

But Sessegnon will be missing for a further month following an operation today on a groin injury.

Reports in Italy linked Lazio with a move for Anelka and the 34-year-old claimed yesterday that the Rome giants were among several clubs who wanted to sign him.

But he claimed he has no plans to leave and Mel said: "He showed against Everton that there are no problems with him. The most important thing for me is his performance on the pitch.

"Sessegnon is the only player not available - everyone else is available and Anelka played well against Everton."

Anelka, who has denied an FA charge that his controversial celebration at West Ham in December was anti-Semitic and faces a hearing next month, tweeted: "Thanks to Lazio and all the other clubs who wanted to sign me these last few days.

"See you this summer if I decide to continue.

"But the question is why should I leave my club and England? I'm happy here and I did nothing wrong..."

"So now it's time to stay focused on my football with my club and I will try my best on the pitch like I always do!"

Meanwhile, Sessegnon faces another four weeks on the sidelines after undergoing surgery.

NOTTS PUNCHDRUNK WITH BRANDY SHOTS

Notts County 1 Walsall 5

"THE lightning stopped and the fireworks started." It was a light-hearted quip from Dean Smith, but so fitting.

A storm threatened the game at Meadow Lane before it had even started but in the end it was Notts County who were blown away. There was no meaningless bluster, just a whirlwind of a 5-1 romp - the first time Walsall have scored five goals away from home in 17 years.

The huff and puff was backed up by Febian Brandy's hat-trick and the result will send shockwaves through League One.

Walsall are not under the radar any more.

They were so rampant, and County such willing victims, Walsall could have had double figures. It felt like another watershed moment in their progression.

Contenders

In three years Smith has taken the Saddlers from rock bottom to serious play-off contenders on a shoe-string.

Six games unbeaten and momentum gathering, it is precisely the kind of result on which foundations are laid.

The biggest problem the club will have is keeping hold of the manager if the trajectory continues. Make the play-offs and it will rubber-stamp Smith's capabilities.

Walsall are aiming higher. There is a belief within the camp they can achieve something special and possibly even bridge that 12-point gap to the automatic promotion places.

Smith has assembled the strongest squad the club has

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had in years and, while Brandy will steal the headlines, this victory was a team effort.

The tireless Craig Westcarr was exceptional with three assists and a goal. Richard O'Donnell saved at crucial times and Mal Benning, in for the injured Andy Taylor, excelled in his first start since August.

Notts County were not just beaten, they were annihilated to the extent the scoreline flattered them.

Andy Butler could have had a hat-trick.

It took 25 minutes to break the deadlock when Westcarr's pass dissected the hosts' defence and Brandy rounded Bartosz Bialkowski to score.

A rapier-like break saw Westcarr clear to Lalkovic and his pass was brilliantly volleyed in by Brandy.

Just over 10 minutes later he had his first senior hat-trick, nodding in Westcarr's cross after Lalkovic's deflected shot fell kindly.

It was game over but the Saddlers weren't finished - Butler nodded in three minutes after the break and Westcarr got his deserved goal when he raced onto O'Donnell's long clearance to net.



Saddlers striker Febian Brandy strokes home the first goal of his hat-trick

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